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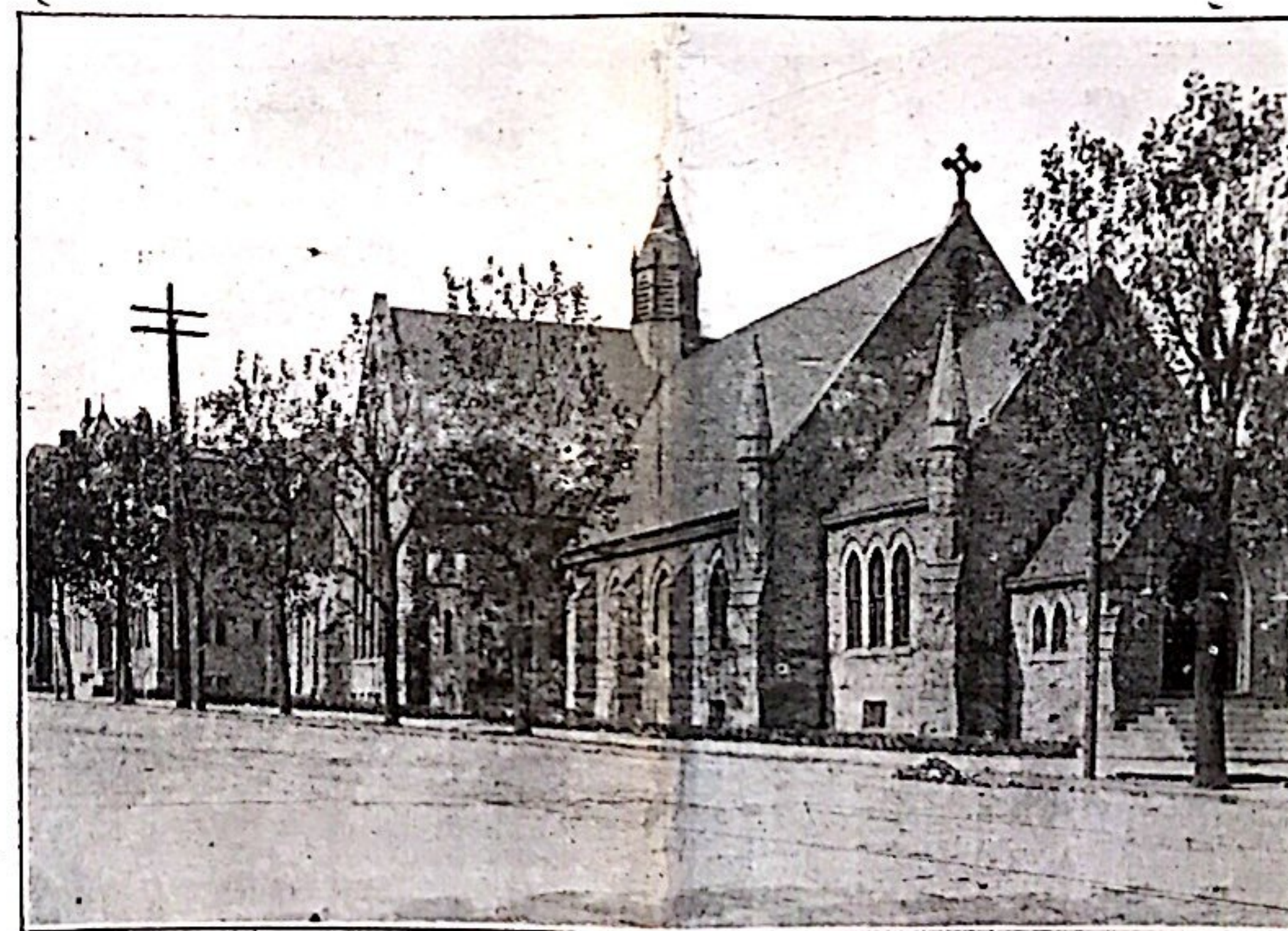
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CLOSING WORDS.

With this last number of THE RECORD for this summer we want to say how thankful we are to our Heavenly Father for the great blessings which He has granted to us in our church life during the past year. He has kindly granted to the Rector relief from sickness and has enabled him gradually to take up more of the parish work. In his disability he has had most faithful and efficient help from the Assistant, Mr. Gossling, to whom he feels very grateful, and he has had so much sympathy, kindness and friendship from the people of the congregation that he cannot fitly express his deep appreciation of it all.

There has been an unusual spirit in the worship and work of our church continually since last fall, an unmistakable sign of God's presence with us. The attendance on the services has been very good and there have been shown an attention, earnestness and devotion which have manifested a deeply personal sense of the value and power of religion as a close relationship to Christ in faith, love and obedience.

Our people have shown that they have really had a love for God's house and that they have found there, in joining their hearts together in a sincere love of God, the

door which lets them in to deeper friendship and Christian affection for one another. And this close fellowship in Christ's spirit has had a blessed effect in all our church work. A delightful spirit of harmony, kindness and good-will has prevailed in every department of the parish. Whatever has been undertaken has been with lively interest and unselfish and united feeling. Not a cloud has dimmed the sky and not an unfavorable wind has disturbed our peaceful progress. It has been a year of peace and joy in doing God's will in working together with Him for good in His Church. How grateful we are to our Father for inspiring us thus with His Holy Spirit to do those things which are pleasing in His sight and helping us to shine forth the light of His love in our hearts! It is not so much what we accomplish that the world can see and praise, but it is what we are in heart and spirit in what we do which enables us to glorify our Father and show forth the power of His grace.

All our societies and guilds and clubs have manifested a good heart toward God, and a good spirit of fellowship and unity in all their undertakings. Our Sunday School has had a very successful season, and all its work has been marked by deep and sincere interest on the part of officers, teachers and schol-

ars. The attendance has been good, the collections for ourselves and for missions have been remarkably generous and the teachers and their classes have been drawn together in earnest and faithful work in the study of the lessons. Our young men have labored most efficiently in the care of the records of the School, and we appreciate it very much more than we can say. For all this we thank God and take courage for future years.

The Men's Club have been most faithful in providing for the publication of THE RECORD. They have personally solicited the advertising sufficient to pay the expense of printing. In this way the men of the parish have rendered a truly valuable service in assuring us a means of keeping alive the interest of the people in the parish work. We owe them hearty thanks. And thus we close as we began, by giving sincere thanks to God Our Father for his countless benefits.

— DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

The Convention of our Diocese was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9th and 10th. It was opened by a celebration of the Holy Communion, conducted by Bishop Rhinelander, assisted by Bishops Garland and Van Buren. A very large number of clergy and of lay delegates attended and communed,

and the service was very impressive and helpful. The Convention was very harmonious in spirit and the business was conducted smoothly and expeditiously. A Diocesan Missionary Meeting on Tuesday evening in St. Luke's Church was a part of the order of the Convention and was very largely attended.

We were delighted to see our good friend Bishop Garland able to be at the Convention. He has regained health and strength wonderfully and looks stronger in body than we have ever seen him. May he now have God's blessing in permanently restored health.

The deputies elected to the General Convention next fall are Rev. Drs. Foley and Tompkins and Rev. Messrs. Harding and Halsey, and the lay delegates, Messrs. F. A. Lewis, Roland Morris, A. E. Newbold and George Wharton Pepper.

— MEMORIAL FLOWERS.

— JUNE.

June 4. Mrs. Anna Lindsay—Mrs. H. T. Vance, sister.

June 18. Mrs. William D. Keating—Mrs. Mary Neill Keating, wife.

— JULY.

July 2. Miss Alice Gray Turner—Keturah Turner Mecan, sister.

July 9. Mrs. William Waterall—Emily Lipman, aunt.

July 30. Miss L. Minerva Cox—Randall M. Cox, father.

— AUGUST.

August 13. Mrs. William Waterall—Mrs. Mary A. L. Lipman, mother.

August 27. Mrs. David Magee—Mrs. William Liming, mother.

— SEPTEMBER.

September 10. Mrs. William Waterall—Charles Albert Waterall, son.

September 24. Mrs. J. F. Neill—William Harvey and Mary C. Money, parents.

— OCTOBER.

October 1. Mrs. Elizabeth Goodwin—William Goodwin, husband.

October 8. Miss Agnes Hillman—Remer C. Hillman, brother.

October 15. The Rector—Mary Willets Harris, wife.

October 22. Miss Clara E. Riley—Leonard J. Riley, father.

— SUMMER SERVICES.

After the last Sunday in June the evening services will be discontinued until the third Sunday in September.

The morning service will be held every Sunday, with the Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month.

The early Holy Communion on the third Sunday of the month will not be continued after June 18th, but will be resumed in the fall.

The Rector will be away from July 1st to September 1st, and the Assistant during the Rector's absence will have charge of the services and the work, and will gladly attend to all parish demands.

The Sunday School will close on the last Sunday in June, and will reopen on September 17th.

Ample provision is thus made, we think, for the maintenance of worship through the summer and for any needs of pastoral service which may arise, and the workers in church and school are given a period of rest and refreshment. But let us all, wherever we may be, think of our Church and pray for it, that when we come together for active labor again, we may have a larger measure of Christ's spirit and may be glad more faithfully to serve him as our Lord and Master.

— STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The Women's Guild will hold its annual Strawberry Festival in the Parish House on Thursday evening, June 8th. This is always a most enjoyable social occasion, as it brings us all into friendly and happy contact before we disperse for the summer. Everybody should make an effort to come and have a share in the kindly and pleasant fellowship of the evening. The Guild will provide the usual lountiful supply of strawberries and

accompaniments, and we must manifest our warm appreciation of their labors by our presence and support. A feature of the festival will be an Apron Table, for the sale of fancy and useful aprons, and we are sure that it will be well supplied and generously patronized. There will be music to enliven the evening and add to the good cheer of those present.

Tickets, at the price of 25 cents, can be obtained from Mrs. Hooven, the chairman of the committee.

The Rector expects to be present to meet all the good friends of Grace Church and shake hands with them.

Please come yourselves and bring your friends and join with us in the endeavor to get close to one another in Christian friendship and good will.

WOMEN'S GUILD.

The meeting of the Women's Guild on May 5 was largely attended and was greatly enjoyed. The meeting was followed by a supper, in which the members joined as a feast of thanksgiving for the happiness and success of the winter's work. In some way it had become known that it was the Rector's birthday, and the ladies made him the guest of honor, and surprised him by presenting him with a handsome case for his robes

when he has to use them in special services outside the church. He was greatly pleased to be so kindly remembered, and very much encouraged by the evidence which the gift displayed of the kindly interest and sincere friendship of the women of the parish. May God bless them for it.

The Guild has had a most prosperous and useful year, and every one has given hearty and generous help in making a success of all that has been undertaken. There has been a cheerful willingness to lend a hand in everything for the good of our church, and an unselfish sacrifice of time and strength. It is a sign that God's Spirit has been present and has been at work among us.

MEN'S CLUB.

The closing meeting for this season of the Men's Club was held on Thursday, May 18. After a brief business meeting, at which it was resolved to continue the publication of Grace Church RECORD for next year, the members present enjoyed a very interesting account by Mr. McCleary, illustrated by pictures on the screen of a bicycle trip made some years ago by him and his wife from Philadelphia to New England by way of Long Island. The pictures were very well thrown on the curtain by Mr. Gossling, and

their description at first hand by Mr. McCleary was very enlightening and enjoyable. Then our good friend Mr. MacLellan, accompanied by Mr. Spielmann, gave two very good tenor songs, and our Warden, Mr. Waterall, recited very effectively two poems which he had learned in his boyhood. An adjournment was then taken downstairs to enjoy some ice cream and cake, after which our friend, Mr. Roberts, formerly of our choir, sang some selections. We are very thankful to all these kind people for their contribution to the evening's enjoyment. While there was not a large attendance, those present felt that they were repaid for coming, and had had a good time together. The club will not meet again till September.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

The annual excursion of the Senior Department of the Sunday School has been arranged for Saturday, June 17. Lincoln Park, near Gloucester, N. J., has been chosen as the place, as we have had the strongest assurance that there are no objectionable features at the park, for the reason that the management desires to make it attractive for Sunday Schools. There will be a pleasant sail on the boat of an hour and a half, both going and

returning, which will please the young people and will not be tedious for any. There will be many sources of amusement on the place and there is promise of a happy time. All members of the school will be taken without charge, but relatives and friends can purchase tickets for 25 cents. Those who desire them can inquire of Mr. Gossling.

The Primary Department will have their outing in the Park as usual on Saturday, June 10. They will be taken and returned in a couple of coaches and will have some refreshments and games on the grass. Their friends will be welcome. Some of our kind friends have given generous donations to the expenses of these excursions, and if any others desire to help in this way we will be grateful.

YOUNG FOLKS' SOCIAL.

On the evening of May 23 the Girls' Guild and the Boys' Club united in a most enjoyable social evening in the Parish House. They had a number of interesting games which called out much good fun, and then sat down to a collation which brought the evening to a happy close. We are very glad to see our young people fraternizing in so pleasant and friendly a way, for it promotes good feeling in the church and Sunday School, and

draws the young into the thought that, as the hymn says:

"Religion never was designed
To make our pleasures less."

The first public appearance of our blessed Lord in St. John's Gospel was at a feast in Cana of Galilee, where, according to the custom of the times all was joy and amusement and friendly happiness. He cast no shadow over the occasion and did not restrain innocent enjoyment of all the good things provided. We believe He entered into all that took place with a deep sympathy and enjoyment, and He manifested forth His glory by helping to make the feast a success.

CHURCH PENSION FUND.

We commend to our people the following letter by Bishop Lawrence on the subject of the Church Pension Fund, which our Church in the United States is trying by a mighty effort to organize and put in working order by March 1, 1917. Already two million dollars has been pledged of the five millions which Bishop Lawrence is now giving most of his time to raising. It is a large and important undertaking, and we will take an offering for it next November. Please read the Bishop's letter prayerfully.

MY DEAR FRIEND:

I wish that I could talk to you and tell you face to face what I am

going to write. However, I know that you will read this, for it describes the greatest single enterprise that the Church has ever undertaken; and a big thing is always interesting.

We are planning to take care of our clergy in their old age; and of their widows; and if there are children in the rectory when the father dies, we are going to help the mother support them.

Isn't this worth while?

Then, too, think what a help it will be to your minister while he is hard at work to know that he has a pension ahead in his old age; he will do better work.

Railroads, factories, banks, colleges, governments, have decided that their aged servants have a right to a pension.

Of course the Church cannot lag behind. If she preaches justice, she must practice it.

Everybody knows that the Clergy receive small salaries: they are not complaining. But we want the Clergy to know that when they get old and the salary stops, they and their families will be looked after.

This is the great enterprise—a real pension system for the Clergy and their families, and it will start on the first day of next March because we each and all are going to take a hand in giving it a push.

Our first and biggest step is to raise \$5,000,000 as a main fund

which must be in hand in order that the ministers who will retire in the next few years may have a pension. Then the wheels will move, and the Church by its regular support will keep the machine moving.

Over \$1,000,000 of the \$5,000,000 is already in hand.

Some friends of the Church have contributed all the funds necessary to meet the expenses of the campaign. Every dollar now raised goes to the Pension Fund.

I have been excused from active work in my diocese for the next year to help put this great business through. A modern working organization has been created at 14 Wall street, New York, to carry on the campaign along efficient lines.

There has never been an object more worthy, or one for which any man or woman could work with greater disinterestedness or enthusiasm. But the enthusiasm and spirit which will make the undertaking a striking success MUST be supplied by the individual men and women to whom the Church is a strength and an inspiration.

The Church now calls upon their loyalty and co-operation.

We have prepared interesting literature. You can get copies from your Rector or a postal card to us will bring all you want.

We want you to read this literature. Then talk about it. Tell somebody else what you have read

and how it impressed you. Write to us if you have suggestions to make. We want you to know just what we are doing.

We feel sure that when you know all about the Church Pension Fund you will want to do your part toward making it a brilliant success.

May we not count on you?

WILLIAM LAWRENCE,
Bishop of Massachusetts,
President Church Pension Fund.
14 Wall Street, New York City.

SOME INDIAN TALES.

The following interesting legends and tales of the Indians of the Shoshone tribe in Wyoming are taken from the report of an article written by Mrs. M. B. Nash, who is better known to us as Miss Alice Beath, and who is now the wife of Rev. M. B. Nash, whose work is under Bishop Thomas at Basin, Wyo. The tales are interesting as relics of the primitive mind of our country, which still remains in these Indians and to which the Gospel of Christ has to be adapted by the missionaries of the Church.

STORY OF COTTON-TAIL AND THE SUN.

Long ago, the story runs, the sun was so close to the ground that all the Indians were getting burned. In their extremity they held a council and appointed the cotton-tail

rabbit (then, like most of the animals of mythical age, of human form), to shoot the sun and make him behave. Accordingly, the Cotton-tail went toward the sunrise and dug a deep pit there in which he hid to await the appearance of the sun. No sooner had he caught sight of him than he let fly arrow after arrow, all of which, however, fell burnt and harmless to the ground. At last he took the stick with which he used to drill fire in the old Indian fashion and discharged that from his bow. The shot took instant effect and the sun fell into the pit. The new sun that arose from the old one has always kept a respectful distance from the earth, and the Cotton-tail carried off as a sign of his adventure the marks on his body where the falling sun struck him.

In many of the Shoshone stories the coyote takes the most important part. He is often enough a creature of gross appetites, and an unscrupulous trickster, but sometimes he performs deeds that are of real service to mankind, such as overcoming the skunk and the mosquito, both of which are pictured as deadly enemies of the Indians.

SIAM BATTLE AND SUN DANCE.

After being in the mountains for three or four days the men haul the trees in a wagon built for the purpose and deposit them on the land where the hall is to be built. Then

the tribe assembles and is divided in two factions for the sham battle which always precedes a sun dance. The trees are stripped of their branches and laid in a row.

Each tree or pole represents an enemy, and the Indians on horseback must spear the poles, and whoever captures the greater number is the victor. For this battle the Indians are decorated in all their gorgeous plumage, warbonnets trimmed with eagle feathers, bustles also trimmed with feathers, handsomely beaded vests and moccasins. The Indians are painted in the most vivid shades of red, green, yellow and brown. They are very picturesque, and quite like the Indians of Fenimore Cooper's time.

They ride around the field recklessly and whoop the old-time war cry and pandemonium reigns for a while, then victory is proclaimed. Then comes the "blessing" of the poles. The medicine man says a few words over them during which the Indians are most reverent, for it must be remembered that the sun dance is a religious ceremonial.

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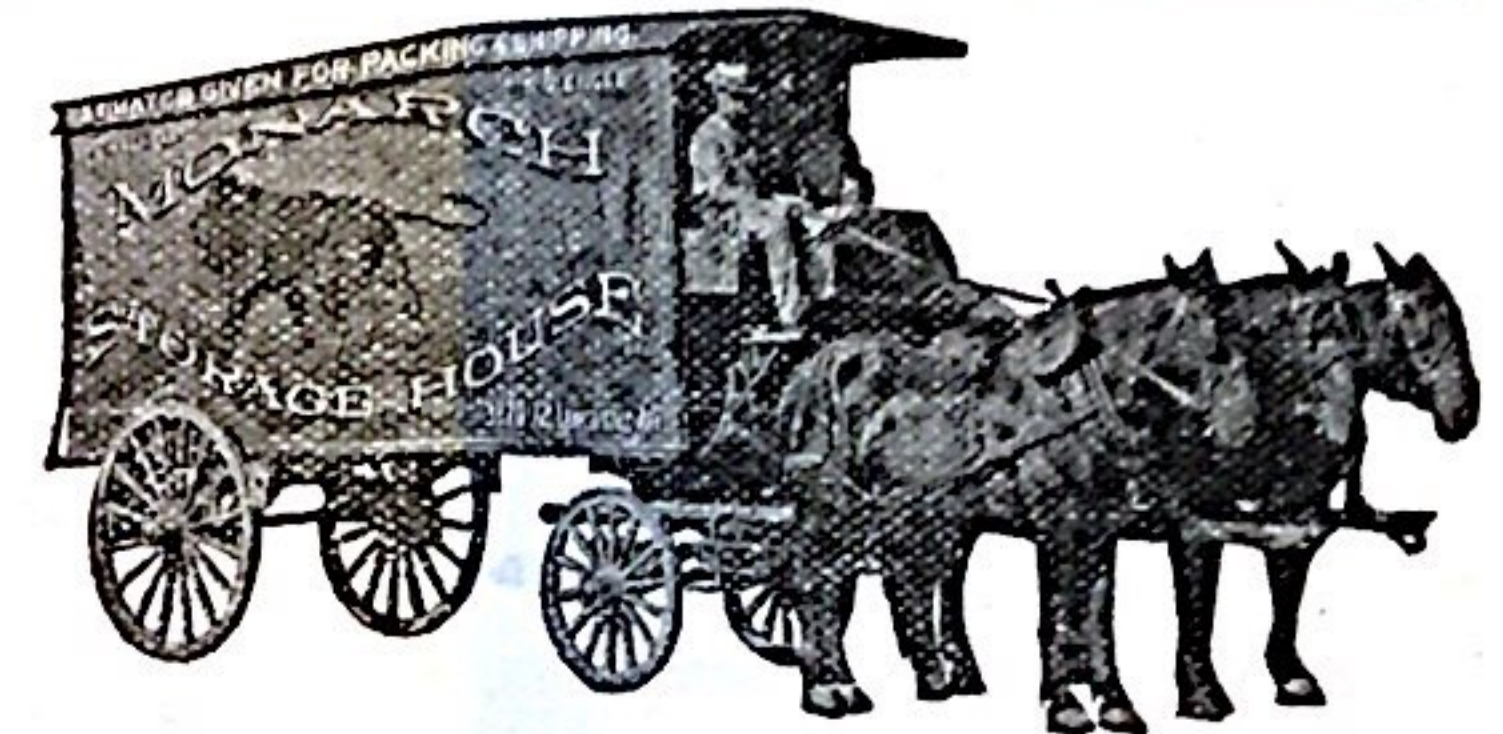
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is planted in a circle, with a space of about 2 feet between each tree and these spaces are thickly banked with leaves and young trees, except for a space about 4 feet for an entrance.

From the top of the walls to the top of the center pole trees are laid across, somewhat resembling the spokes of a wheel.

Part of the dance is divided into "stalls" for the Indians participating in the dance, the braves being men who in order to obtain a cure from an illness, or to prevent such, undergo this sacrifice with such determined faith in the power of the sun to cure them that one cannot help admiring their courage.

After sunset the first day, the oldest man in the tribe rides around to the tepees, announcing the time to assemble for the dance. Then the Indians gather together and, forming two lines, march in opposite directions around the dance hall twice. They look ghastly as their bodies are now painted white, they are scantily attired, each man wears a beaded apron, around his neck hangs a whistle made of the bone of an eagle, which is tied with a feather thong and a feather dangling on the end. Around his ankles a cluster of bells with a rabbit's foot, also tied with leather.

EAGLE FEATHER STUCK IN THE HAIR.

The constant ringing of the bells and the blowing of the whistle produces an odd effect. In the hair an eagle feather is jauntily stuck, for it must be remembered that most Indian men wear long hair, a sign of a superior being. As they enter the dance hall, each man takes the stall assigned him.

Then after a short rest the dance begins. The picture one beholds is to say the least, weird. To one side sit a number of Indians beating the tom-toms and chanting. To this music, and all the while blowing their whistles, the Indians dance, back and forth from their place in the stall to the center pole, keeping their eyes fastened on the wish ring, never wavering. Thus they dance for four days and nights without food and drink, and with rests of short duration. If a man is overcome, he is removed from the hall, a disgraced being.

RABBIT'S FOOT USED FOR A CHARM.

At sunrise, each day, the Indians approach the center pole, rub the rabbit's foot against it and then against themselves. Then they stand in two rows facing the east, and as the sun rises gradually over the hilltops the medicine man begins to chant and the Indians raise their arms to the sun in supplication, af-

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ter which they all chant, and are ready to begin the dance again. On the fourth day the dance comes to an end. Of course, some Indians are exhausted, but after a short rest they sit down to a feast which the squaws have been some time preparing.

During this glad hour the Indians give away presents as a thanksgiving. Some give a horse or a blanket or anything he may have. Formerly they gave their squaws but that is not allowed now. Thus ends their religious ceremonial of fasting and prayer. To the casual observer this form of sacrifice is most crude, but to the initiated it means much.

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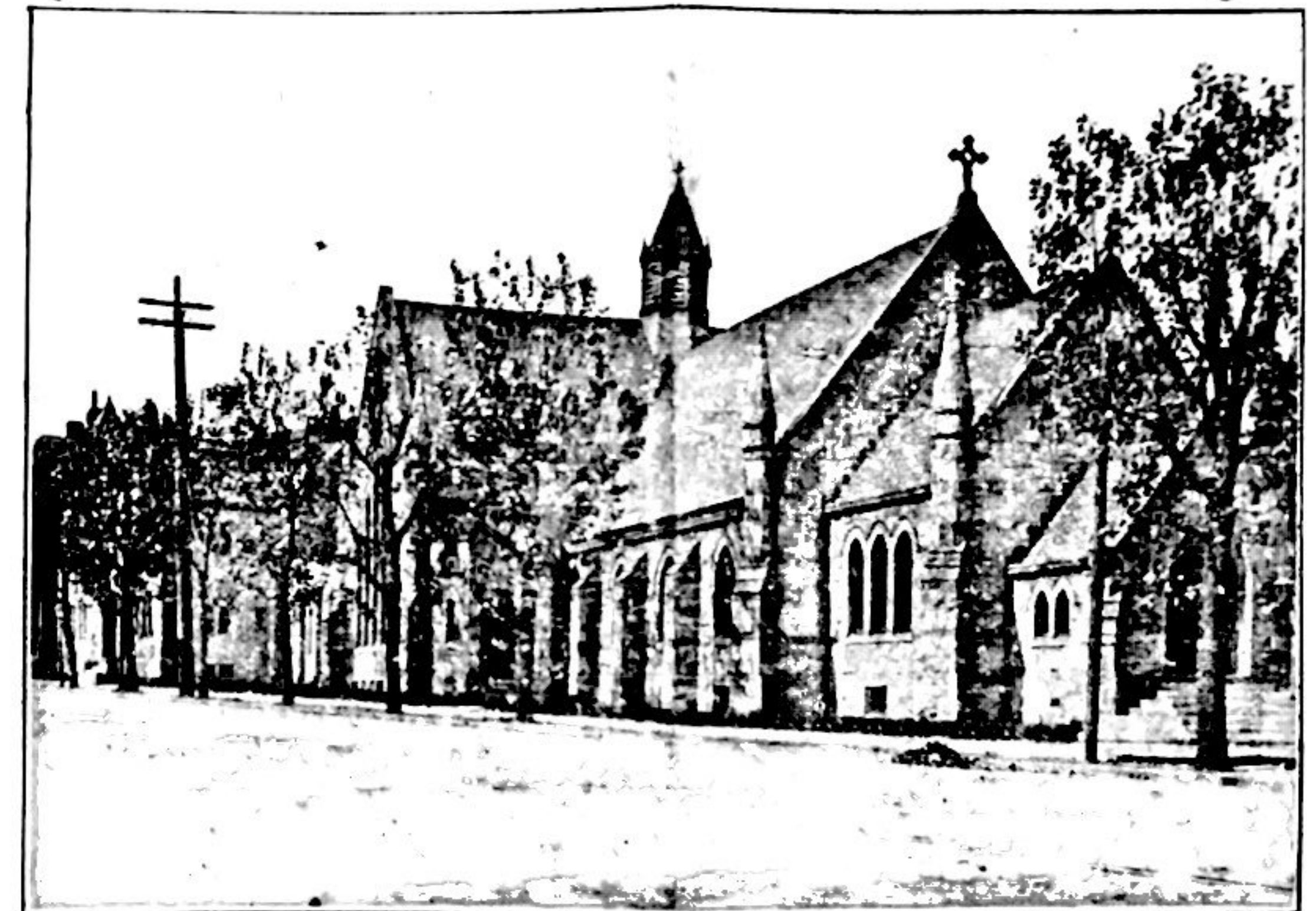
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LOOKING FORWARD.

With the first number of THE RECORD for another year we offer hearty greetings to our Church people, and welcome them to renewed interest and activity in the work of the parish. We hear the voice of our Heavenly Father saying, "Speak to the people, that they go forward." He does not want us to be satisfied with anything that we have done, however good and satisfactory it may seem to us. Like the food of yesterday, which cannot meet the needs of to-day, the work and the accomplishment of the time that has gone do not satisfy the demands of the new days through which we must press onward. There is no day at which we may stop and feel that we have done enough and may be excused from further duty. God is calling us to forget the things which are behind us and to press forward to new and better things which He is offering us in the life which lies before us. And unless we hear His voice, and press on joyously into new tasks and duties and sacrifices for Him our religion will lose its saving power for us and will sink into a merely formal and forceless service.

Therefore let us in Grace Church look forward to renewed devotion and service this year for the God in whose name we profess to believe. Many of us have done earnest and unselfish work during past years, but that will not keep our Church alive and moving in the coming days. We often hear people say that they did their duty in Church work for a good while and now are entitled to sit still and enjoy the

services and benefits of the Church without being called on for further service. They will live on the memory of what they have done and leave to others whatever is yet to be done. And we have noticed that with this frame of mind they have soon shown that their love of religion has gradually cooled until the worship and service of God have lost all the real earnestness and delight which they once found in it. We cannot enjoy fellowship with Christ unless we have His spirit of constant gladness in working with His Father in the great field of life. "My Father worketh hitherto and I work also" is Christ's spirit in life.

Our heart's desire and earnest prayer is that in Grace Church we may all be saved by this spirit of Christ from losing interest and enjoyment in our religion. We never lose interest in anything which entices us on after it by demanding of us new services and promising us new and larger results. When we look forward to new accomplishment we seize new tasks with spirit and zest. And thus if we want really to enjoy our Christian life in the Church we must put into it the hope and desire to enrich it by fresh energy and sacrifice, and by renewed purpose to make it fruitful in new work for God and for one another. We must not look coldly and unsympathetically on the plans for keeping the Church alive and active, and try to escape lending our help to the successful completion of them. We must keep on working for God or what we have done in the past will not help us to enjoy His presence and comfort with

us. We must keep on giving ourselves in unselfish labor to the Church, or the Church will not be a means of salvation from selfishness and unbelief. Let us look forward this year and try to surpass all that we have done in other years for this our Church.

But above all let us look forward this year to a deeper and more earnest spirit of prayer for our Church. This is more important than any other service which we can render. For by prayer we go directly to the fountain of grace in God and receive the refreshment and inspiration that we need for God's work. Perhaps the chief reason why religion seems to bear so little fruit and the Church seems to do so little good is the want of earnest prayer. For without prayer there is no fellowship with God, and without close fellowship with God we cannot have the power of His Spirit in us. If all of us will pray to God to make us, and the Church in which we live, more completely obedient to Him, that He may do His whole will in us, we will see a renewal of Christian devotion and fellowship among ourselves of which we have not yet dreamed. God's spirit is the source of strength in the life of the Church. The more we pray for that spirit with sincerity and earnestness the more surely it will come and take possession of us, and make our Church fruitful in spiritual power.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The Grace Church Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary resumed its meetings on Thursday, October 12, with a large attendance and with

great interest. After reports of the various committees the Treasurer announced a balance on hand of \$106.31 and special gifts of \$20 additional. It was then resolved to apportion \$75 in equal amounts to the five committees for use at their discretion for responding to missionary appeals from the General Auxiliary. A report from the Committee on Mission Boxes from October, 1915, to May, 1916, showed that the Auxiliary and the Woman's Guild working together had provided boxes to the value of \$187. The committee had also given for mission needs \$146. The total contributions were therefore \$333, which is a cause of much satisfaction to the rector and members of the Auxiliary. It was resolved to make up two Christmas boxes, one for colored people and another for Indians. To our great regret for reasons of health the Treasurer, Miss Beath, resigned as Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Schultz was elected to the office and kindly consented to serve.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will occur on Thursday, November 9, at 2.30 o'clock, in the Parish House, and the rector hopes to have the pleasure of seeing as large a number present as at the last meeting. If the women of the parish will unite to make the Auxiliary meetings large they will do themselves and our Church a valuable service in arousing and strengthening a spirit of loyal, unselfish fellowship with Christ in His work of saving the world to God.

ALTAR GUILD.

The first meeting of the Altar

Guild for the season was held on Wednesday evening, October 4, with a fair attendance of members. The officers of last year were re-elected, and the work for the winter was discussed and planned. An effort is to be made to increase interest in the Guild by holding some special meetings for sewing, and social intercourse.

The Guild does a most important service to the Church by its care of the chancel and the vestments of clergy and choir. It also helps to beautify the services by providing flowers for the altar on every Sunday in the year, through securing memorials, or through the purchase of flowers when no memorials are provided. There are thirty-three Sundays now taken for memorials, and it would be very acceptable if others would offer memorials for some or all of the remaining Sundays. Nothing could be more appropriate as a remembrance of those gone before than the offering of flowers in the church. The Guild will be thankful to receive donations for flowers on the Sundays which are not taken for memorials. We hope some of our people will respond to this suggestion.

CHURCH PENSION FUND.

In the June number of THE RECORD we published a letter from Bishop Lawrence to all the Churches in behalf of the Church Pension Fund, for the pensioning of clergymen at the age of 68 years. The Bishop has undertaken the task of raising \$5,000,000, which is necessary to put the fund in operation. He hopes to raise it by March, 1917.

He has already reported that \$3,000,000 has been secured, and now a great effort is being made to obtain the other two millions. All the churches are being urged to make an offering to help in securing this sum. And Grace Church, we are sure, would be ashamed not to have a share in this great project which our Church throughout the land has undertaken. And, therefore, the Rector has appointed Sunday, November 19, for the taking up of an offering for that purpose. Copies of Bishop Lawrence's letter will be placed in the pews on the Sunday before the offering, and we hope they will be carefully read. It is a cause of justice and mercy to our old and disabled clergy and it ought to reach our hearts and move us to some sacrifice for these brothers in Christ.

ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER.

First Sunday — Mrs. Anna M. Lindsay, Mr. William Lindsay, husband.

Second Sunday — The Rector, Mrs. Florence W. Mosford, sister of Mrs. Mary W. Harris.

Third Sunday — Mrs. J. Almer Dittrich, Miss Caroline Allen Dittrich, daughter.

Thanksgiving Day — Mrs. Joseph Y. Sagee, Mrs. Jas. W. McAllister, mother.

THE WOMAN'S GUILD.

The Woman's Guild opened its season on Friday, October 6, with a fair attendance. The report of the Treasurer showed a good balance to

the credit of the Guild as the result of the strawberry festival last June. The officers were all re-elected, and several committees were appointed. The Guild resolved to take the lead in organizing all the working force of the parish for the annual bazaar. It was decided to hold the bazaar on only one day, Thursday, December 7, and to have a supper in connection with it. A committee was appointed and was authorized to send out a letter to the parishioners asking for a united effort to help make the bazaar a success by working for it in making articles for sale. The Rector hopes that the appeal will call out a generous response. He wishes that all might express their appreciation of the Church and its blessings by making some sacrifice for it and doing some little service for it. We should all get more good from our Church if we would do more for it. The social side of the bazaar is of great value, as it brings our people together, and leads them to take more interest in one another.

The Bazaar Committee consists of Mrs. Hooven, chairman, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. McFerrer and Mrs. Karcher. The letter which was authorized has been sent to all the parishioners, signed by the Rector and bearing the names of those on the committee. We hope the appeal has been read carefully and taken to heart, and that every one will lend a willing hand to make the bazaar a credit to our Church, and a strong proof of our earnest loyalty and self-sacrifice. Please assist the committee by freely offering all the help possible.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis which prevailed last summer the Board of Health forbade the opening of the Sunday Schools of the city until October 1. Our school, therefore, was two weeks late in assembling for its winter work, and the attendance, especially in the Primary Department, has been kept down below normal. The school began, however, with a fair attendance, and we were glad to welcome so many scholars and teachers coming back with evident pleasure to the school. We are sorry to hear that some of the former teachers have had to withdraw, but are thankful that others have offered to take some of the vacant places. On October 8 the gold and silver shields for the third year of regular attendance were presented to Anna Powell, Lily Ordish, Edmund Carr, and Carl Wonnberger. The Rector appointed October 22 as a day for helping the Committee on Relief of Armenian Sufferers from the war in Europe by making the day's offerings a donation to the cause. We were glad to have our share with the other Sunday Schools in responding to President Wilson's proclamation appointing that day for general observance for the saving from starvation of the thousands of destitute Armenian women and children. While we are so comfortable and well-fed it is fitting that we should remember the poor innocent victims of the dreadful war, and whenever we have an opportunity share some of our good fortune with them. Our school is looking for-

ward to a busy and successful season with the help and inspiration of God's Spirit. The Rector is able by the renewal of his health to take active charge of the school and he is confidently depending on the support and hearty co-operation of all the teachers and scholars. We wish the members of our Church might feel interested enough in the school to visit it sometimes and let the children see that they care for the work which is being done. We have a most faithful body of officers and teachers who are giving their best effort to make the school a success. They are a great source of comfort and encouragement to the Rector, and he appreciates their work most highly. Perfect harmony and good will mark our work and we know that God must be with us as we labor to do His work in Christ's loving spirit.

MEN'S CLUB.

The opening meeting of the Men's Club was held on Thursday evening, October 19. There was a very good attendance and the evening was pleasantly and profitably passed. As it was the annual meeting the officers of last year were nominated and elected. As Mr. Boggs had resigned from the Executive Committee, Mr. W. P. Rennie was elected in his place. The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$55, with all bills paid. The Club decided to provide for the expense of printing the Grace Church RECORD for the coming year, and the members were asked to co-operate in securing advertisements for the paper. It was resolved that

on the meeting night in January next (the third Thursday) the Club will provide a musicale to which a free invitation will be extended to all our people and their friends. The Club also arranged to co-operate with the Woman's Guild in sharing the expenses of the parish reception on October 26, and in doing their part towards making it a success. The meeting then adjourned and after some pleasant talk on various topics the members dispersed to meet again November 16.

GIRL'S GUILD.

The Girl's Guild has started on its winter's work by electing as President, Miss Lilly Ordish; as Vice-President, Miss Lillian Senat, and as Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Margaret Karcher. The Guild has taken up the task of preparing surgical bandages and other such things for the use of the soldiers. Already the members have rolled more than one hundred and thirty such bandages and made them ready for use. We are greatly pleased to have the girls take up this line of work, as it is an entirely unselfish way of doing good in Christ's name. "Doing good and hoping for nothing again," but the satisfaction of having been of some real use to somebody is the genuine Christian spirit. It will draw the girls of the Guild into close fellowship with their Master. The Rector is greatly pleased with the quiet, happy loyal spirit with which this Guild maintains its life and does its work.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 30, the usual service will be held in the church at 10.30 o'clock. The offering will be as usual for the Episcopal Hospital, and we hope it may be generous, as the hospital is much hindered in its work by lack of funds. It is a Diocesan institution and depends on the Churches of the Diocese largely for its support. It is a pity that it has to turn many sufferers away because it has not money to meet expenses. Let us do our share for it.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The annual offering for Foreign Missions was taken in our church on Sunday, October 15, and amounted to \$122. Many of our people use a blue envelope for making their missionary offerings and carry on the meetings for the greatest enjoyment and benefit of the society.

PARISH RECEPTION.

The Woman's Guild and the Men's Club united in giving a parish reception on Thursday evening, October 26. It was a very pleasant affair and a good number of our people came, and enjoyed two hours of social fellowship.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY.

There was some very good music by our Organist, Mr. Spielmann, on the piano, and by Mr. Paul Hutterger, on the cello, which brightened up the reception. There was an abundance of refreshments, generously served by our faithful women. We hope the reception did a great deal of good in drawing our hearts closer together and enabling us to appreciate the social side of our Church life.

The Girls' Friendly Society has resumed its meetings under the direction of Miss Beath and is looking forward to some earnest work this winter. Dr. Kift is giving her much appreciated assistance again this year. The girls are very fortunate to have the kind services of these ladies, so well-fitted to plan and carry on the meetings for the greatest enjoyment and benefit of the society.

NOTES.

We are glad to see our faithful friend, Mrs. Matilda Emery, home again in much improved health. God has greatly blessed her during the summer with strength to overcome her ailment of last spring, and our prayer for her is that she may greatly increase in health and comfort, and that the peace of Christ may fill her soul.

We are thankful, also, to see a wonderful change for the better in Mrs. Lindsay, of our Church. Last year was one of great illness for her but under the skillful treatment of

her nephew, Dr. Irish, she has, with God's blessing, been raised up to new strength and comfort. We hope her recovery may soon enable her to come again to our Church services.

We are glad to welcome to our Sunday School as new teachers Mrs. A. M. Smith and Mr. James W. Young. We appreciate their willingness to help us in the work of the school and we hope they will find much interest and enjoyment in teaching the children. We need two more teachers very much, one for a class of small girls, and one for a class of boys of about fourteen years old. Will not some one volunteer to supply these classes?

BOYS' CLUBS.

The Junior Boys' Club has organized for basket ball practice and is meeting on Tuesday evenings. At present Mr. Gossling is looking after these meetings and will do so till we find some young man willing to undertake it.

The Senior Club up to the time of writing has not yet organized, but we expect that they will do so before long and start out on some winter work. They are welcome to every privilege which we can reasonably give them and we are glad to do whatever we can for their enjoyment. We hope they will take all advantage of our good intentions.

ARMENIAN RELIEF.

In response to the proclamation of President Wilson calling on the

DONATION TO BUILDING
FUND OF CHURCH OF THE
EPIPHANY, SHERWOOD,
PHILADELPHIA.

At the last spring meeting of West Philadelphia Convocation, Bishop Garland stated that \$25,000, which was needed for starting on the building for the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood (Fifty-seventh street and Baltimore avenue), had been nearly secured. The

Bishop asked the Churches of the Convocation to pledge among themselves the remainder of about \$2000. As the Rector of Grace Church heard the representatives of the other Churches responding with liberal pledges he was ashamed not to promise anything for our parish. He therefore took the responsibility of pledging Grace Church for \$100. He had no doubt that the people of his parish would justify him in doing this service for a young and poor Church in our own Convocation. The Rector, therefore, would be glad if any of our people who feel so inclined will help him to make up this \$100, so that our Church may stand side by side in good works with the whole Convocation. It must be paid even if the Rector has to pay it personally. Please, therefore, take some little share in the payment, if you can do so.

MISSIONARY ENVELOPES.

The Rector is very anxious that Grace Church should live up fully to its privilege to give to the extent of its ability to the support of the missions of our Church. For the life and power of Grace Church as a Church of Christ depends entirely upon the presence of Christ's own spirit. That spirit is the love of God manifested in our hearts reaching out to bless through us all souls who need help and salvation. We may call ourselves by Christ's name, but we do not belong to Christ if we are satisfied with what Christ has done for us, and are indifferent to the others who need Him and

do not know Him. Selfishness and Christ cannot occupy our hearts at the same time. We want that our religious life in Grace Church may be really Christ dwelling in us and making us unselfish in religion according to His spirit. Therefore we must follow His unselfish spirit and be willing to sacrifice ourselves and what we have in making Him known to all for whom He died. Giving to missions ought not to be regarded as a hard duty but as a great privilege and happiness. Freely we have received God's grace in Christ, and freely we should give it to others. And the more freely we give it in sacrifice and service for others the more completely we make it our own, and enjoy its blessedness. We shall never know what wonderful delight and satisfaction there are in religion till we make some great sacrifice for it. When we can do that we will draw very near to Christ and really enjoy His company. Let us then in Grace Church pray God that His grace may unlock our hearts and may make generous feelings and purposes abound in much fruit of gifts offered for the spread of the Gospel and the conversion of the world.

Many of our people do use the blue envelopes for regular monthly offerings to missions. But there are others who do not use them who might do so. It is not a matter of how much we give at one time as it is a matter of constant, faithful, regular offering to Christ. Let us think of it and pray over it. Let us bring into God's hands all that we from our love to Him owe to Him and see if He will not open the win-

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and proud,
And you know of a tale whose mere
telling aloud
Would cause his proud head to in
anguish be bowed,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden
away
In a closet, and guarded, and kept
from the day,
In the dark, and whose showing,
whose sudden display
Would cause grief and sorrow, and
life-long dismay,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that will
darken the joy
Of a man or a woman, a girl or a
boy,
That will wipe out a smile, or the
least way annoy
A fellow, or cause any gladness to
clay,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.
—From *Denver Young Men*.

DOING THE BEST.

"If you can whistle better, what
were you whistling that way for?"
A minister, speaking of his boy-
hood, says: "I was a great whistler,
and sometimes whistled in unusual
and unseemly places. One day, not
long since, I came out of a hotel
whistling quite low. A little boy

playing in the yard heard me and
asked, 'Is that the best you can
whistle?' 'No,' I replied, 'can you
beat it?' The boy said he could,
and I said, 'Well, let's hear you.'
The little fellow began to whistle,
and then insisted that I should try
again. I did so, and the boy ac-
knowledged that it was good whis-
tling, and as I started away the lit-
tle fellow said, 'Well, if you can
whistle better, what were you whis-
tling that way for?'"

Sure enough. Why creep when
we may as well walk? Why fill
the earth with discords when we
may as well cause it to resound with
hallelujahs? Why do low-grade
work when one can do better? This
question has many applications, to
business, to life, and experience.

MOTHER'S DAY.

There is an old and beautiful
legend running thus: An angel came
down to earth and looked about for
something to carry back to heaven.
There were three things that at-
tracted his attention, a bouquet of
fragrant flowers, the smile of a lit-
tle babe, and a mother's love. These
three the angel carried away, but
when he reached the pearly gates,
the flowers had withered, the baby's
smile had vanished; only the
mother's love remained the same.
"A mother's love is the only thing
on earth pure enough for heaven,"
the angel exclaimed.

So let this day teach every boy
that the divinest thing in this world
is a mother's love. It never falters.
It ever follows alike the erring son
to the prison-cell, or the successful
man to the temple of fame.—*The
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 And in the fold I hear the bell,
 As night, the shepherd, herds his
 stars,
 I sing my song, and all is well.

There are no ears to hear my lays,
 No lips to lift a word of praise;
 But still, with faith unaltering,
 I live and laugh and love and sing,
 What matter yon unheeding
 throng?
 They can not feel my spirit's
 spell.
 Since life is sweet and love is long,
 I sing my song, and all is well.

My days are never days of ease:
 I till my ground and prune my
 trees,
 When ripened gold is all the plain,
 I put my sickle in the grain.
 I labor hard, and toil and sweat,
 While others dream within the
 dell;
 But even while my brow is wet,
 I sing my song, and all is well.

Some times the sun, unkindly hot,
 My garden makes a desert spot;
 Sometimes a blight upon the tree
 Takes all my fruit away from me;
 And then with throes of bitter pain
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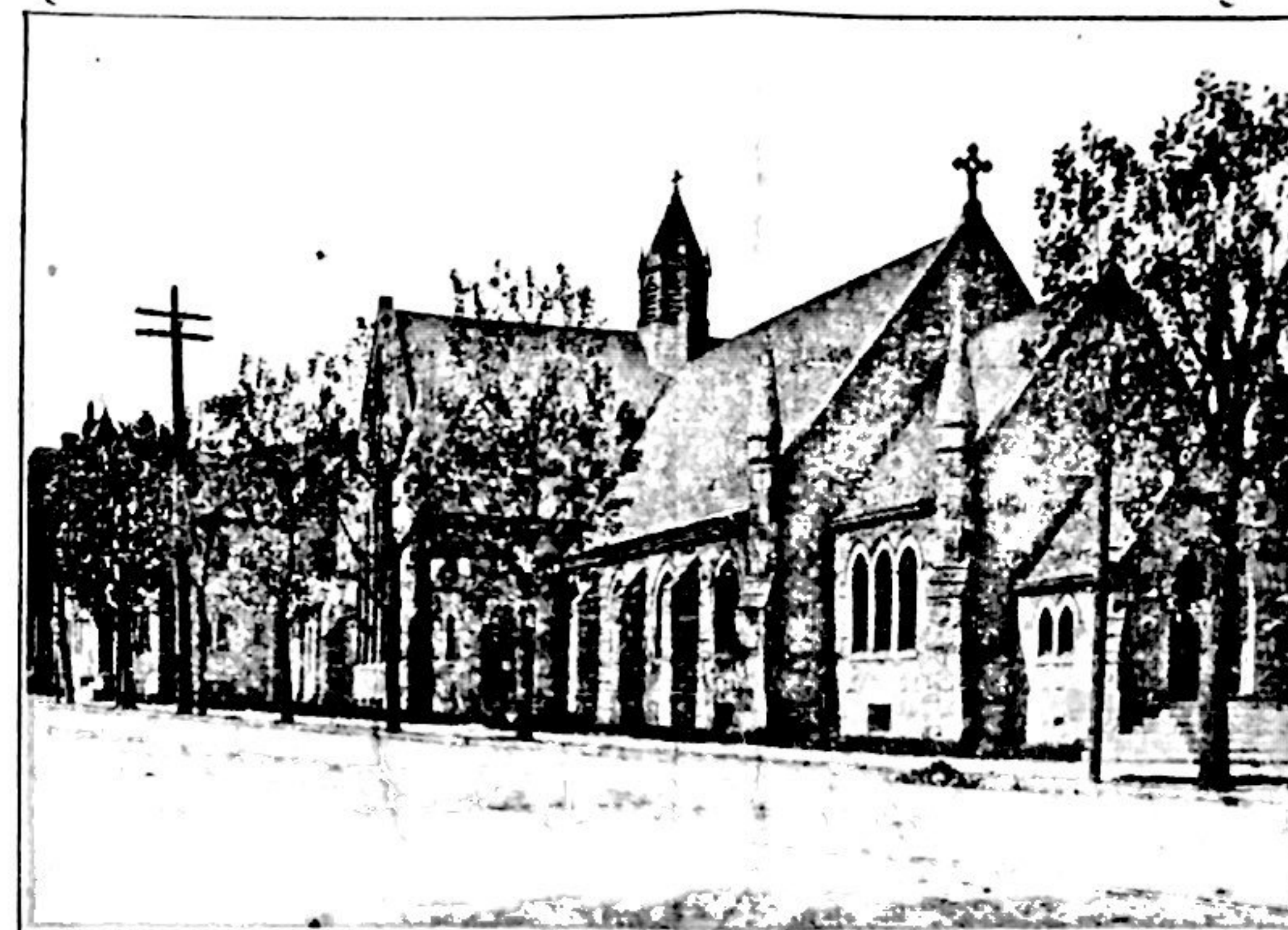
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CHRISTMAS.

Christmas comes to the world again this year in a dark night, darker than the midnight on the hills of Judea, when the cry of joy broke from the skies. It is now the darkness of the awful clouds of hatred, and murder, and cruelty, and bloody death which are gathered round mankind, which is shutting out all peace and hope from two continents, and whose threatening shadow reaches across the seas. It seems almost as if it were a mockery to sing the angelic song this year, "Glory to God in the highest: peace on earth to men of good will." For God seems to have no place in this dread tumult of wild passion and barbarous conflict, and appears to have left the world to the hard and heartless rule of the men of ill-will. And it seems as if there were so few men of really good-will left on the earth that the hope of peace is a dream which can never become real. Thus it looks. But it looks so only when we look down instead of looking up. The shepherds were in the dark on that strange night so long ago, but when they looked up they saw a great light and heard the joyous song over the coming of the One who could bring peace.

The dark and sorrowful surroundings of our Christmas this year are simply a trial of our faith

in God and His eternal love. Real faith in God does not judge God by the looks of things which happen here below. It judges of God by Himself, by His own word or promise, by His unchanging faithfulness in everything that He says. He tells us that He sent His Son into the world that they who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life. What we have to do is to look up and behold our Father God glorious with the light of a love which is omnipotent to do all that it means to do to bring peace on earth and to make men and women of good-will rejoice in a new life of righteousness here below. "Glory to God in the highest." That is faith's song to-day copying the song of the angels. God is the highest, higher than all the power and might of this evil world and its evil prince. God is highest, His love is above all human passion and sin and all satanic wickedness. His grace is forcing the wrath of man to bend and yield before Him and at last to acknowledge that He only is the Lord. And to the men of good-will He is promising a Saviour who can change human hearts and transform the history of the times.

The Saviour born in Bethlehem was sent into the world to redeem unto God out of this inferno of ill-will a great multitude who should become men of good-will to whom

peace will come as God's best gift. We have the opposite of peace on earth now because the hearts of men are swayed by the spirit of a selfish and angry ill-will. And nothing can cure that evil spirit but the Son of God, whose power of conquest is the power of God's unconquerable love. That power when it gets hold of the minds and hearts of men and women will warm them into such a gentle, kindly, friendly spirit that they cannot possibly fight. When Christ reigns war will cease without any laws being passed against it. Love in the heart will make war impossible. And this is the Christmas promise, men of good-will are to be made by the power of God in Christ, and they will live in peace together not because they are forced to do so, but because they want to do so and find their highest delight in doing so. - This promise of God in the coming of Christ made the angels sing "Glory to God in the highest," and made the poor, weary shepherds look up and see the great light which woke new thoughts and hopes in their heavy hearts.

And that is why we can be glad on our Christmas Day in this year of heavy shadows. A Saviour is here even in the dark, a Saviour who can save the world from its sins and can rescue human hearts from the clutch of Satan. "He is

able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto God by Him." Christ's mighty hand is stretched out over the whole black scene, full of love and grace to heal and save when men and women, tired of sin and the awful consequences which it brings, will turn to God and ask Him to save them in love and righteousness. And when men thus surrender to God the wonderful miracle will happen, the miracle of God's love in Christ making men and women over into men and women of good-will who cannot fight and hurt one another because they love one another as God loves them. Faith in Christ and in God's gracious power in him is what we need to make us glad on this Christmas Day, and to make our good wishes to one another have real meaning. Faith that God is true to His word and His promise is what keeps us looking up and keeps us sure of God as our Saviour. And then the light of good-will springs up in our hearts, and we can greet one another with the warm and sincere wish, "Happy Christmas."

FAITH.

Still will we trust though earth be
dark and dreary,
And the heart faint beneath the
chastening rod,

Though rough and steep our path-
way, worn and weary,
Still we trust in God.

Our eyes see dimly still by faith
anointed,
And our blind choosing gives us
grief and pain:
Through Him alone who hath our
way appointed,
We find our peace again.

Choose for us, God, nor let our
weak preferring
Cheat our poor souls of good
Thou hast designed:
Choose for us, God, Thy wisdom
is unerring,
And we are fools and blind.

So, from our sky the night shall
furl her shadows
And day pour gladness through
his golden gates:
Our rough path leads to flower-
enamelled meadows
Where joy our coming waits.

Let us press on in patient self-
denial,
Accept the hardships, shrink not
from the loss:
Our guerdon lies beyond the hour
of trial,
Our Crown beyond the Cross.

—G. B.

OBITUARY.

It is with great sorrow that we record the passing away from this earthly life of Mrs. Margaret P. M. Taylor, the beloved wife of Mr. James W. Taylor, of 4129 Westminster avenue, and the sister of Mrs. Matthieu. She had been out of health for some months past, and during this fall had been a great sufferer. But through it all she maintained a hopeful, cheerful spirit, and was firm in her faith in Christ her Saviour, and in God's fatherly love and care. She was as unselfishly thoughtful for those who waited on her as she had been for them during all her years of health and strength. Her home was filled with generous and kindly attention and cheer for the members of her family and she has left for them a rich store of affectionate memories. She was also very helpful in the social work of Grace Church and endeared herself to all who worked with her by her friendly, happy spirit. She followed her Master quietly but faithfully on earth, and she has now followed Him on into the glory of His eternal presence. Our deep sympathy goes out to her sorrowing husband and sister and nephew and all others related to her, and we pray that God may comfort them according to the riches of His grace in Christ Jesus.

MISSIONARY BOXES.

The Woman's Auxiliary has decided to furnish two missionary Christmas boxes, one small one and one of larger size. The smaller one is to be made up of a supply of clothing for two little Indian girls in North Dakota, the children of Mr. John Decory, an Indian lay-worker in a missionary station among people of his race. The other box is to be for a colored clergyman and his three children in Florida, who is doing hard work on very small pay. Supplies of articles of clothing for all these persons are asked from our people, and also donations of money for the purchase of articles which cannot be given. Mrs. Waterall is chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Beath is associated with her. They would be gratified if those who feel it a privilege to give something to make up this Christmas gift to those who in poverty and sacrifice are doing Christ's work, will notify the committee as soon as possible what they will contribute. We want the boxes to be real Christmas boxes by getting to the receivers at or soon before Christmas. Please bear it in mind and act quickly and give generously.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

On Christmas Day there will be

an early Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and morning service followed by Holy Communion at 10.30 o'clock. The offering, as usual, will be for the Christmas Fund of the Diocese, which is for the relief of old and disabled clergy and their widows and children in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. When the Church Pension Fund shall have been completed and put into operation these needy cases among clergy and their families will be provided for under that system. But until then this Diocesan Fund must be maintained to save those who are dependent on it from privation and suffering. We are asked again this year, as are all the churches in the Diocese, to give our Christmas offerings to this service of Christian love and assistance to our needy brethren.

While we are rejoicing over God's unspeakable gift of His Son for our great benefit, may we be so truly grateful as to show it forth by our willing sacrifice of something for his needy children. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my disciples, ye have done it unto Me."

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER.

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Fourth Sunday—Miss Agnes Hillman, Mr. Benjamin I. Hillman, father.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVALS.

The Christmas festival entertainment of the Primary Department of the Sunday School will be held in the Parish House on Wednesday afternoon, December 27th, at 2.30 o'clock. There will be singing of carols and the usual recitations by the little ones, followed by the distribution of gifts. The exercises are always very interesting and all parents and friends are cordially invited to be present.

The Senior Department will be given an entertainment on Thursday evening, December 28th, at 8 o'clock. The Messrs. Upham have been engaged to provide the amusement for the evening, and they will give something that will be interesting and full of fun for all the young folks. Parents and friends will be heartily welcome, and we hope a large number will come. The whole school will join in a Christmastide Carol Service in the Church on Sunday evening, December 31st, at 7.45 o'clock, when the choir will lead in the singing of the hymns and carols; the primary scholars will sing and recite some

Bible verses, and an address will be made by the Rector. We hope to see the church full at this service.

SYSTEMATIC OFFERING.

With the coming of another year the matter of the renewal of the weekly systematic offerings in the white envelopes for the support of the church demands attention and careful thought. There are three sources of income in our parish for the meeting of our general expenses. First, the income from the Endowment Fund, with which God has blessed us, which provides about two-thirds of the amount required for the yearly budget. Second, the pew rents, which we are sorry to say are far below what they should be, and would be if all our members were to rent pews or sittings. Third, the systematic weekly white envelope offerings, in which a good number of our people pledge themselves to pay regularly a definite amount each week through the year, whether present at the services or not. In this way giving for the church is taken out of the hap-hazard method of supporting the Church by giving what we happen to have in our purses of small change when we come to church, and not giving anything when we stay away, as many too often do. The expenses of the

church go on regularly all the time and can only be met by an income regularly and faithfully paid.

From these last two sources of income there ought to be enough received to meet the one-third of the expenses necessary beyond what the income from the Endowment provides. Some persons seem to have an idea that because we have an Endowment we have all the money we need and so are backward in recognizing their duty to make sacrifices to help on the work. But it is a most mistaken idea. As we have said, we must have beyond our Endowment income a sum representing one-third of the yearly expenses. If we do not get it we cannot maintain our services as they now are without going into debt, which would be a shame for us. Therefore we urge all who can to renew their white envelopes for next year for the same amounts, or for larger than last year, and also ask those who have not hitherto contributed in this way to consider whether they cannot do so. We must remember that a religion which we are willing to get for nothing is a religion which is worth nothing. Christ and selfishness cannot live together in us. If we give nothing to Him we get nothing from Him. Messrs. Pitts and Hooven will have the envelopes for distribution this month and will give all information about them.

MISSIONARY ENVELOPES.

Three years ago the Rector announced the beginning of a system of regular monthly offerings for Missions, known as the Two-Cent-a-Day Fund, by which the missionary offerings of our church could be made larger and more regular. The system has worked quite well, and has enabled us to make a much better record for unselfish giving than we did before we adopted it. The small daily offerings to be presented on the first of every month in the blue envelopes have enabled some to give far more than they would have thought they could give in one sum. We were able to more than meet our apportionment last year, and we hope we can at least meet the increased amount asked of us this year. We hope no one who gave in this way last year will drop out of the plan, and we wish many others might adopt and use it. Last year our church gave \$840 to the General Apportionment, \$260 to the Diocesan Missions, and \$333 through the Woman's Auxiliary, making a total of \$1433. That was a good record. Let us try to do even more in the coming year. Ask Mr Hooven for a package of blue envelopes, and use them prayerfully and faithfully, and you will find what a joyful thing it is to be a partner with Jesus Christ.

PARISH BAZAAR.

The bazaar will be held on Thursday, December 7, a few days after the appearance of THE RECORD for this month. We hope that it will be a success in every way and that all our people will do their part to make it such by coming to it. The supper, at the price of 50 cents, will be at 5.30 P. M., and preparations have been made for a bountiful repast notwithstanding "the high cost of living." The tables for fancy work and other articles for sale will be in the Assembly Hall on the second floor. We hope that after supper every one will help his or her digestion by going up the stairs and doing his and her best to buy up the whole supply. We want every one to feel at home and have a good social evening, meeting and speaking with one another with kindly goodwill. This is the chief value which we see in the bazaar, the opportunity for hearty, friendly, mixing of our people. If this right religious spirit of hearty kindness prevail there is no doubt that the bazaar will be a financial success. Warm hearts are the best mints in the world, for they make us generous and unselfishly eager to help by spending our money for the church which draws us together in the spirit of Christ.

GIRLS' GUILD.

We spoke last month about the work of the Girls' Guild somewhat sketchily as we had not time to make full inquiry as to all the facts. We have since learned more exactly about the matter and wish to state more fully the fine amount of work these nice, faithful girls are doing to alleviate the sufferings and meet the needs of the wounded soldiers in the great war in Europe. They have not asked any help from the congregation, but have worked with materials supplied by one of the War Aid Committees which needed to be properly prepared for surgical use. It is wonderful how much they have done, and they prove the saying "where there is a will there is a way." We are sure that our Lord Christ looks down lovingly and joyously on these young friends and rewards them with his richest blessing. The list of supplies provided includes 1656 surgical sponges prepared for use in operations, and 252 tampons for the plugging up of wounds. The girls are continuing this work and will prepare further supplies of this sort. No one can estimate how much relief and comfort they will bring to unknown sufferers.

LECTURE FOR GIRLS' FRIENDLY.

On Thursday evening, November

23, we were greatly favored by a most interesting lecture by the Rev. Charles E. Betticher, who kindly consented to come on the invitation of the Girls' Friendly Society as a help to them in their missionary work. Mr. Betticher's subject was "A Trip Around the World With the Spirit of Missions," and he showed by interesting pictures, and vivid and fascinating comment how "The Spirit of Missions" helps those who read it to become acquainted in thought and spirit with distant lands, and to discover there how much the religion of Christ is doing for the world which lies in spiritual darkness. We wish more of our people could have come to hear Mr. Betticher that they might have learned how much good they can get from reading the missionary monthly of which he spoke. There was a silver offering at the close for the missionary work of the Girls' Friendly, and many friends showed their appreciation by contributing. We thank Mr. Betticher for coming and giving us so much pleasure, and we thank the Girls' Friendly for inviting him. We wish the society God's blessing and favor in their work.

NOTES.

The monthly musical service was resumed on the first Sunday evening in November, and was one of

the finest and most enjoyable that our choir has given under the able leadership of Mr. Sykes. The selections were of the finest quality, by the best composers and were sung with great taste and correctness. The solo selections of soprano and basso were especially good, and the chorus work was in excellent time and harmony. We thank the choirmaster, organist and choir most heartily. We hope our people will show their appreciation of these monthly musical services on every first Sunday evening by coming out in good numbers.

Our Sunday School work is greatly hampered by the want of at least two teachers, one for a class of small boys and another for a girls' class. It seems strange that in our congregation there cannot be found two persons unselfish enough to spend an hour and a half on Sunday afternoon teaching the children. Parents send their children to school and expect them to be taught, and yet they will not sacrifice anything themselves to help in the work. The Rector hopes somebody will respond to this call for assistance.

The offering on the third Sunday in December will be for the Episcopal and Convention Fund, our proportion of which is \$275. or more this year. This is a tax which the

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On the evening of Friday, November 21, the Girls' Guild had a most delightful social evening. The girls were all out and had a very happy time together. The Rector was glad to be present to greet them, and to congratulate them on

the good work they are doing in the Guild, and to thank them for their splendid, faithful spirit. He is greatly pleased to have such a good number of girls in the parish who work together so happily and earnestly, and who are always ready to do their best to help others. A very enjoyable spread was provided at the close, and as we gathered around the table there was a great outflow of cheery conversation and friendly fun. Every one felt that it was a good time to be long remembered, and tasted something of the blessedness of hearts touched with Christ's kindly spirit.

The offering for the Church Pension Fund on November 19 was very satisfactory, amounting to \$525.21. We are thankful that our people took so much interest in this great work on which our church is engaged and which, when completed will bring so much benefit to the church and its old and worn-out clergy. No one supposed it was possible to carry out so large a scheme in our church requiring so much money. But Bishop Lawrence has so roused the heart of the church that he is meeting with a most wonderfully generous response. Three millions and a half obtained in less than one year, and the completion of five million now in sight. That is a grand record for our

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A case of desperate poverty and suffering has come to the notice of the Rector in the family of a man who is dying of tuberculosis, whose wife was, before her marriage, a communicant in Grace Church downtown. There is one child five years old and another little one is expected. The mother has nothing whatever with which to clothe the newcomer. Will some of the ladies in our church who know what is needed send some suitable supplies for this sad and deserving mother. The Rector has provided coal and provisions, and has prayed with the dying man, and will keep in touch with the family, who live in South

Philadelphia. But women only can understand and supply the special need of the mother, referred to above. The Rector will give names and other information on request.

The Rector has received \$25, contributed by three kindly friends in the parish, towards making up the \$100 which he promised for Grace Church to the building fund of the Church of the Epiphany, Fifty-seventh and Baltimore avenue, as was explained in THE RECORD for last month. He is very thankful to the contributors, and will be very glad if others can give further help. It is a worthy missionary cause close at home.

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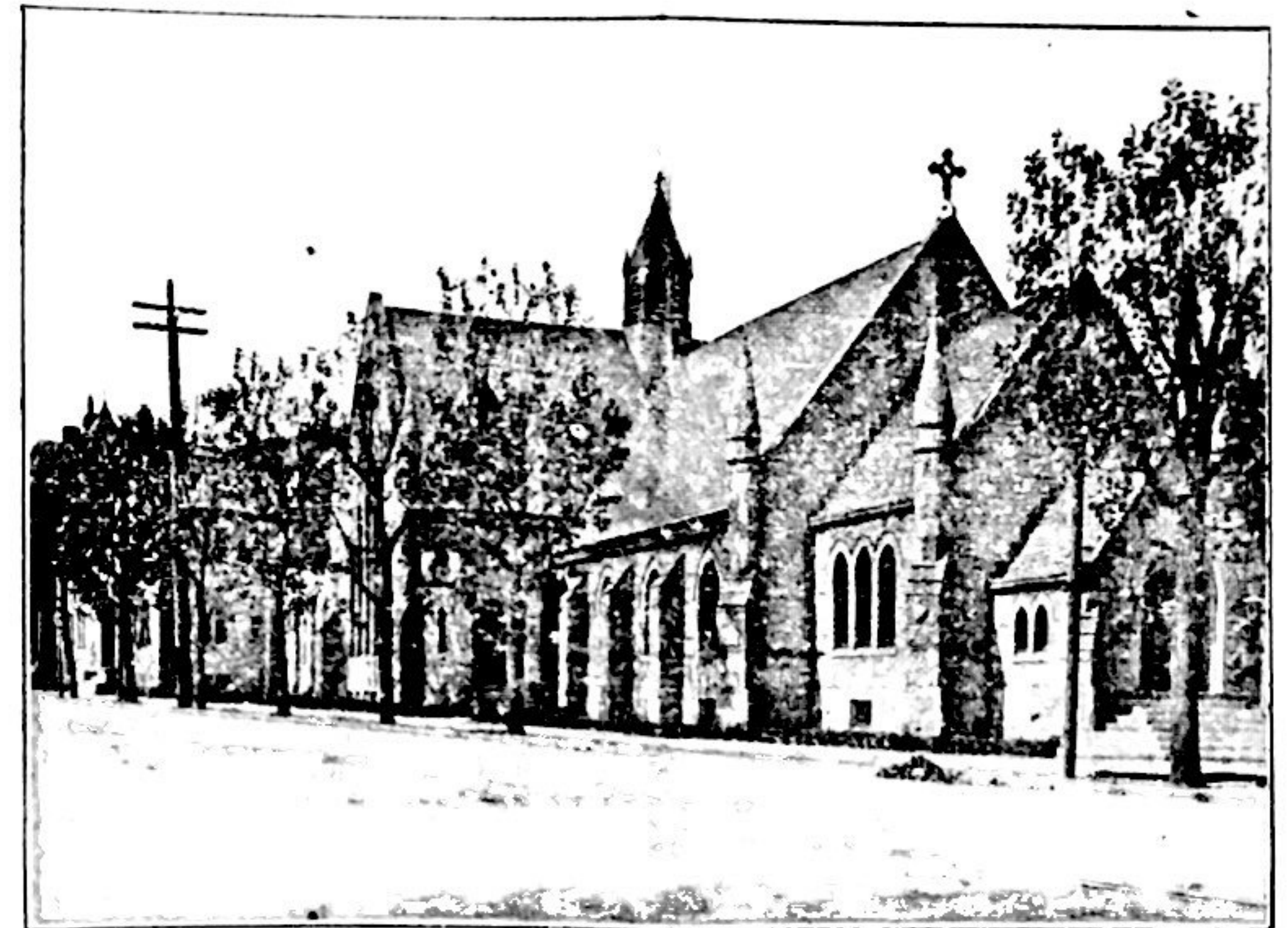
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A LOOK AHEAD.

When one is about to start on a journey over a road of which he knows nothing because he has never been that way before, the most cheering news that he can hear is that some friend who has made the journey and who knows the way thoroughly is going along. For then he knows that he is not likely to lose his way, or get into danger and trouble through his own ignorance or weakness. The one who knows the way will save him from being afraid of things that look threatening but are not really as dangerous as they look, and will keep him from falling into situations which are actually dangerous. And thus while looking forward to the journey so completely unknown in the experiences which it will bring the traveler has a strong confidence to undertake it, and an assuring sense of certainty that it will turn out well for him. That confidence in his future safety rests upon his confidence in his friend's kindly intention to him, and on his faith in his friend's knowledge of the route being real and sufficient for every emergency.

Thus it is then with us men and women as we start forward on this new year to make the journey to its end. For we have to make this journey. There is no escape from it. We cannot stand still. We can-

not go back. We have to go forward. And we have to go forward in the dark. We know all about the way we have passed over in the past year. But that throws no light on the road before us. It may be quite like the way which we have come, or it may be vastly and strangely unlike it. Not one of us knows. We must be persons of very little seriousness and depth if we can take a light and careless view of this journey before us so deeply hidden in the clouds. We must, if we take any earnest thought of life, be strongly impressed with the need of having someone to advise and guide us of whose goodwill to us we can feel sure and upon whose knowledge of the way we can confidently rely. If such an one can be found to go with us through the year we may undertake it with a strong and courageous spirit. It will not frighten us with its mysteries, however hard they may look, for we shall have one with us who can bring us safely through.

And this is the case with every one of us if we will believe the Lord Christ and accept him as our traveling companion this year. He has told us that he is the way, and that he who will follow him shall not walk in the dark, but shall have the light of life. The Saviour knows the way through the shrouded fu-

ture which awaits us. He has been all over it step by step, knows all the safe places and all the dangerous places. He knows the way so well that he is the way itself. And he tells us that if we will let him go with us he will keep us safe, for no one can snatch us out of his hands. We cannot lose our way if the Saviour goes with us. We cannot be overcome by an evil power if we keep close to him, for he has overcome the prince of evil and by his side we share his victory. Only believe that the Saviour tells the truth when he says he is our friend, and just follow him in the way well known to him, but so unknown to us, and the year will be a peaceful and happy progress, through clouds and darkness it may be, but still a progress lighted up from above by the unfailing love and the unfailing power to save us of him whom we have chosen as our traveling companion, Jesus, the living Son of God.

A FRIENDLY APPEAL.

Not an appeal for money, we are thankful to say, but an earnest appeal for a more faithful attendance at the Church services. On the first Sunday of the month, when we have the Holy Communion, the attendance is generally very good, but on the other Sundays it is far from what it ought to be. We have

never felt that scolding is a good way to keep one up to religious privilege and duty, and yet sometimes we wonder how we shall ever rouse our people to understand the value of the worship of God together in the Church. We do not know the circumstances of the families of the parish, and very likely there are reasons unknown to us why some cannot possibly come to morning service, or if not then at any rate to evening service. We do not presume to pass judgment on others, but we would like to ask our friends to pass upon themselves a judgment honest in God's sight as to their attendance and non-attendance at Church. God knows whether they have a good reason, or only a plausible excuse for so often allowing their places to be unfilled. And it is for them to keep in mind that staying away for a mere excuse is really disrespect shown to the heavenly Father who invites us to come and join in His service and offer our prayers to Him. Would we have a high opinion of ourselves if we were to treat any earthly friend with as much easy-going indifference as we treat our heavenly Friend? Some say that they can worship God at home as well as in Church. True, they can if they cannot accept the invitation to meet Him in His House. But do they worship God at home when they stay away without good

reason? Or do they not spend the time over the Sunday newspaper, or in some other way which gives them no time to think of God?

We appeal to you to be honest with God and yourselves. Make it a matter of just judgment if you have or have not good reasons for not coming to Church. Make a habit of coming once a day regularly to put yourselves in touch with God and with your fellows who feel their need of spiritual refreshment. If you have to stay home in the morning, come in the evening, when a better attendance especially is needed. Make this year something new by a more regular and faithful use of the services of the Church.

SERMON IN GRACE CHURCH.

By REV. MR. MADARA.

On Sunday morning, January 14, the sermon at the Church service will be preached by the Rev. Mr. Madara, now at the Philadelphia Divinity School, who was formerly one of our missionaries under Bishop Rowe in Alaska and who is still in close touch with the mission on Tanana River. It is a great privilege to have Mr. Madara come to us, for his presence brings to us a fresh and living touch with actual mission work in one of the hardest fields. We hope our people will show their appreciation of the privi-

lege by coming to the Church on that Sunday in large numbers. Mr. Madara will surely stir our hearts into warm interest and sympathy for the blessed, Christlike work of ministering to the soul needs of the simple people of those frozen regions. And he will make us understand something of the splendid spirit of devoted self-sacrifice which the men and women who go there, put into their ministries and labors for Christ's sake, and for the salvation of the lowliest of God's children.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JANUARY.

First Sunday—Mrs. Mary A. Steel, Edwin K. Steel, husband.

Second Sunday—Mrs. William Waterall, Charles F. Lipman, uncle.

Fourth Sunday—Mrs. Lizzie C. Hawkins, Helen D. Hawkins, daughter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING.

On Sunday morning, January 21, the offering at the Church service will be the Annual Offering for the Sunday School to aid in the support of its work. The larger part of the money necessary to carry on the school is contributed by the scholars in the weekly envelopes which they bring in. But besides

this we need a certain amount more to meet all the calls that are made on us. And we have a good right to ask the congregation to show a practical interest in the school and sympathy in its work by giving this annual offering in its behalf. The work is done by a corps of most faithful officers and teachers who generously devote their Sunday afternoons to it. But there are many in our parish who cannot take any share in the active work, and they should encourage those who do by contributing in this offering to help the school. We hope that they will consider it not a hard duty but a great privilege to show a real interest by making a generous offering for this important branch of our Church work on January 21.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION SERVICE.

On Sunday afternoon, January 14, the Sunday School will hold a Service of Intercession for Missions in the Assembly Hall of the Parish House, at 2.30 o'clock. A special order of service, provided by the Board of Missions, will be used, comprising missionary hymns and prayers. An address will be given by Rev. Mr. G. H. Madara, who was for some time a missionary in Alaska, and who is now in the Philadelphia Divinity School,

carrying on his studies preparatory to further work. He can tell us at first-hand the conditions under which missionaries work in the far-off land of ice and snow. He is a very interesting speaker, and it is a great privilege which we shall enjoy in hearing him. We hope every member of the school will be present. And we invite all the members of our congregation to come to this missionary service and join in it with the school. There will be plenty of room for all, and it will do the school good to see the older people sharing with them their prayers for Missions.

JUNIOR BOYS' CLUB.

The Club has started, under Mr. Gossling's care, on what appears to be the most successful season of its career. The basket ball team plays Tuesday evenings, and has won all its games to date. More interest of the Sunday School is urged, as the games are interesting and well worth watching. Admission free to all members of the Sunday School.

CARL WONNBERGER,

Secretary.

MEN'S CLUB ENTERTAINMENT.

On the evening of Thursday, January 18, at 8.15 o'clock, the Men's Club will give a musicale in

the Parish Building, to which they invite all members of the parish and their friends. The program will be a most attractive combination of good musical selections, under direction of our organist, Mr. Spielmann. We hope to have our good friend, Mr. Huttinger, to give us some cello music, and there will be good singing which all will enjoy. This will be the first public entertainment given this season by the Men's Club, and we hope our people will show their appreciation by coming out in good numbers and bringing their friends with them. We want to make it a good social evening, and everybody can help by laying aside all other engagements and coming and filling the room with the purpose of having a good time themselves and helping the others to have a good time. It is not simply what we get from such gatherings, but what we give to others of cheer and neighborly good will that makes them useful as a part of our Church life.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

The services on Christmas Day were fairly well attended. Most people are so much taken up with their Christmas joys at home as to have no time to come to the Church to thank God for His unspeakable gift of a Saviour. But some there are in whom the enjoyment of the

gifts does not produce entirely forgetfulness of the Giver, and who give part of the day to the praise and worship of the Kind Father in heaven. At the early Communion there were 26 communicants present and at the later Communion about 40. We were glad to see at least as many as that who kept in mind the real meaning of Christmas Day, the recognition of God's amazing grace and kindness to a world of wayward, wilful children. The offering was, as usual, for the Christmas Fund for disabled clergy in our diocese, and we hope it was a generous gift for the needs of those faithful clergy who have worn themselves out in the service of our Church on such meagre support that they have been unable to provide for their old age or for their families after they depart. We are glad to feel that if the Church Pension Fund succeeds, their cases will be better provided for.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS.

The Christmas festival entertainments of the Sunday School took place on the Wednesday and Thursday of Christmas week, and were greatly enjoyed by the school and by the friends who were present.

The Primary Department had its good time on Wednesday afternoon, notwithstanding the very bad weather, and gave the usual pro-

gram of recitations and songs by the little folks, which, under Miss Parke's excellent instruction and direction, are always so interesting and pleasing. After the program was completed the children received their candies and presents, and they all looked very happy.

The Senior Department of the school was entertained on Thursday evening with an exhibition by the Messrs. Upham, which comprised a number of amusing and mystifying tricks and performances. It was a little change from the Christmas play usually given by the scholars, and was adopted for the sake of variety for this year. After the entertainment the scholars were given each a half-pound box of candy as a small Christmas gift. The trees were trimmed very prettily by some of the teachers and young people, for which we thank them heartily.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS.

On the first Sunday in December a stocking was hung in the Sunday School room, and also one in the room of the Infant Department, with a request that the scholars put into them such money gifts as they were able, to furnish Christmas stockings to the poor children of the countries in Europe which have been impoverished by the war. The War Children's Relief Fund sent the stockings, which were hung up

in the school, with an earnest, heart moving appeal for the children who are innocent victims of the war, and who will have no Christmas cheer unless it is given them by the happier children of our country. The money is to be used to furnish a fifty-cent stocking for as many little children as possible. We are glad to say that the appeal in our school met with a good response, so that on December 18 we were able to send a check for \$20, which we hope will make forty poor little ones thankful that God has put it into our hearts to remember them and to try to make Christmas look a little brighter to them. We are happy that our school did so well.

PARISH BAZAAR.

The bazaar occurred, according to schedule, on Thursday, December 7, and was an unqualified success. Providence kindly favored us with exceptionally good weather, and our people showed their interest and appreciation by coming in large numbers and bringing their friends. The supper was well patronized and was greatly enjoyed by everybody, judging from the many expressions of satisfaction which we heard from those who partook of it. It was really a most bountiful and excellent repast and reflected great credit on the ladies who provided it. The tables were very conveniently and

comfortably arranged, and the service was prompt and pleasant. We thank all who had a part in the management and service for their good work, and for their pains to make every one satisfied and happy. The bazaar in the Assembly Room was very tastefully and attractively displayed and the booths were supplied with quantities of pretty and desirable articles. The friends present showed their appreciation by generous purchases which soon cleared the tables and made happy those who had charge of them. What few articles remained toward the close of the evening were disposed of by some bargain selling, which was greatly stimulated by the kind efforts of our friend, Mr. J. F. Neill. The proceeds of the supper and the bazaar amount to \$204, in round numbers, which we consider as a very satisfactory result, and for which we thank God as a visible sign of the inward love and devotion of our people to Grace Church.

The supper and the bazaar are the one opportunity in the year for our people to unite in a common service of our Church, and we are glad to have it appreciated and made use of as a means of drawing us all together and warming our hearts by mutual work for a cause which we love. Nothing was more noticeable than the delightful spirit of friendliness and happiness which prevailed. There was not a jarring

note and there could not be where everybody was in such bright and hearty spirit. This we regard as the greatest result of the affair, worth far more than the money proceeds, the fine social spirit which was displayed and the evidence that Christ's spirit was present.

NOTES.

Our good friend, Mrs. J. Y. Sagee, has presented to our Church as a memorial of her mother, Mrs. James W. McAllister, a fine chalice veil for use in the Holy Communion, which was used for the first time on Christmas Day. This is a most appropriate and beautiful memorial which we prize highly, and for which we give our sincere thanks to Mrs. Sagee.

The Rector earnestly requests that all cases of illness in the parish be reported to him as soon as possible, so that he may call without delay and offer whatever comfort he can to the sick persons and express his sympathy for their families. He cannot by himself know who are ill, but must depend upon information brought to him. He is sorry to miss any opportunity of serving his parishioners in the days of affliction by his pastoral attention, and he will consider it a great favor if they will freely and frankly make known to him every case of

sickness which may occur in the parish.

The working facilities of the parish have been greatly improved and enlarged by a new gas range of larger capacity which has been placed in the kitchen. It was tried out for the first time at the supper in connection with the bazaar, and it made the work of the faithful women who served the supper much easier and more convenient. It will be very useful on every such occasion, and we are glad that the range could be provided, for these willing and unselfish workers deserve all the help we can give them in return for the valuable aid they give in the social life of our Church.

It may not have been noticed, but it is a fact worth noticing that the windows in the nave of the Church, which were in very bad condition, have been thoroughly repaired and are now in good order. Such little additions to the upkeep of the property are being made as they become necessary without the want of them being made known to the congregation, and without any appeal for funds to pay for them. If some one were not carefully watching and planning for them, our Church buildings would not be as well kept as they are. Let us be silently, but truly, thankful for such faithful

services given without any desire for thanks or praise.

The Sunday School had a Christmas carol service in the Church on Sunday evening, December 31, and it was a fittingly bright closing service for the year. The school marched into the Church, led by the choir, and sang the hymns and carols with good effect, in which they had been carefully trained by our esteemed Precentor, Mr. MacLellan. The Primary Department sang two carols very pleasingly, and gave a recitation of the Christmas story in their usual interesting manner. We are glad that so many friends were present to join the children in this happy service.

The Woman's Auxiliary desires to thank the friends who so kindly contributed to the missionary Christmas boxes. They were completed and sent on their way in ample time to reach the recipients by Christmas, and they will give cheer and comfort and call down blessings on the lives of those who remembered Christ's poor ones. In the world to come these deeds of kindly service to God's humblest children will be what will be most fully remembered of all the things we have done on earth.

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they can do some fellow-being. The important point is that the reading matter should be sent regularly week by week or month by month. For when it is not regularly sent there is great disappointment for the people who have been led to expect it. The purpose is not to send the papers once or twice and then cease doing so, but to look upon it as a duty and privilege to continue the kindness. We are sorry to say that not many of our people in the Parish seem to realize that it is either a privilege or a duty to take up this silent service of unselfish helpfulness. Will not more get into touch with Mrs. Marsh and inquire for names to whom they can send their used-up reading matter? We do not ask for quantities of old magazines and periodicals to be sent in bulk. We ask for the recent numbers which have just been finished in the reading and are no longer of interest to the readers. Do not throw them away, but mail them as soon as you are done with them to some person far away who is hungry for something to read.

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Exodus 3: 13, 14.

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"Lazarus," in *S. S. Times*.

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ten—a dear friend of mine who
lives in Sunderland was traveling in
Egypt and was ascending the Great
Pyramid (you have seen pictures
of it.)

On reaching a certain point the
two halted to rest, and thereupon

the guide tried to get into conver-
sation with my friend.

"You be Englishman?" said the
guide.

"Yes," replied my friend.

"Where from?"

"Sunderland."

The guide shook his head. Evi-
dently his geography did not extend
so far as Sunderland.

"Build big ships there," said my
friend.

"Like Liverpool?" said the guide.

"Yes," answered my friend.

"Oh," said the guide, "do you
know Liverpool?"

"Oh, yes," answered my friend.

"You know Dr. Watson, of Liv-
erpool?" continued the guide.

"Oh, yes; he is a friend of mine."

The guide was delighted, and
brought out a letter which he
handed to my friend. It was only
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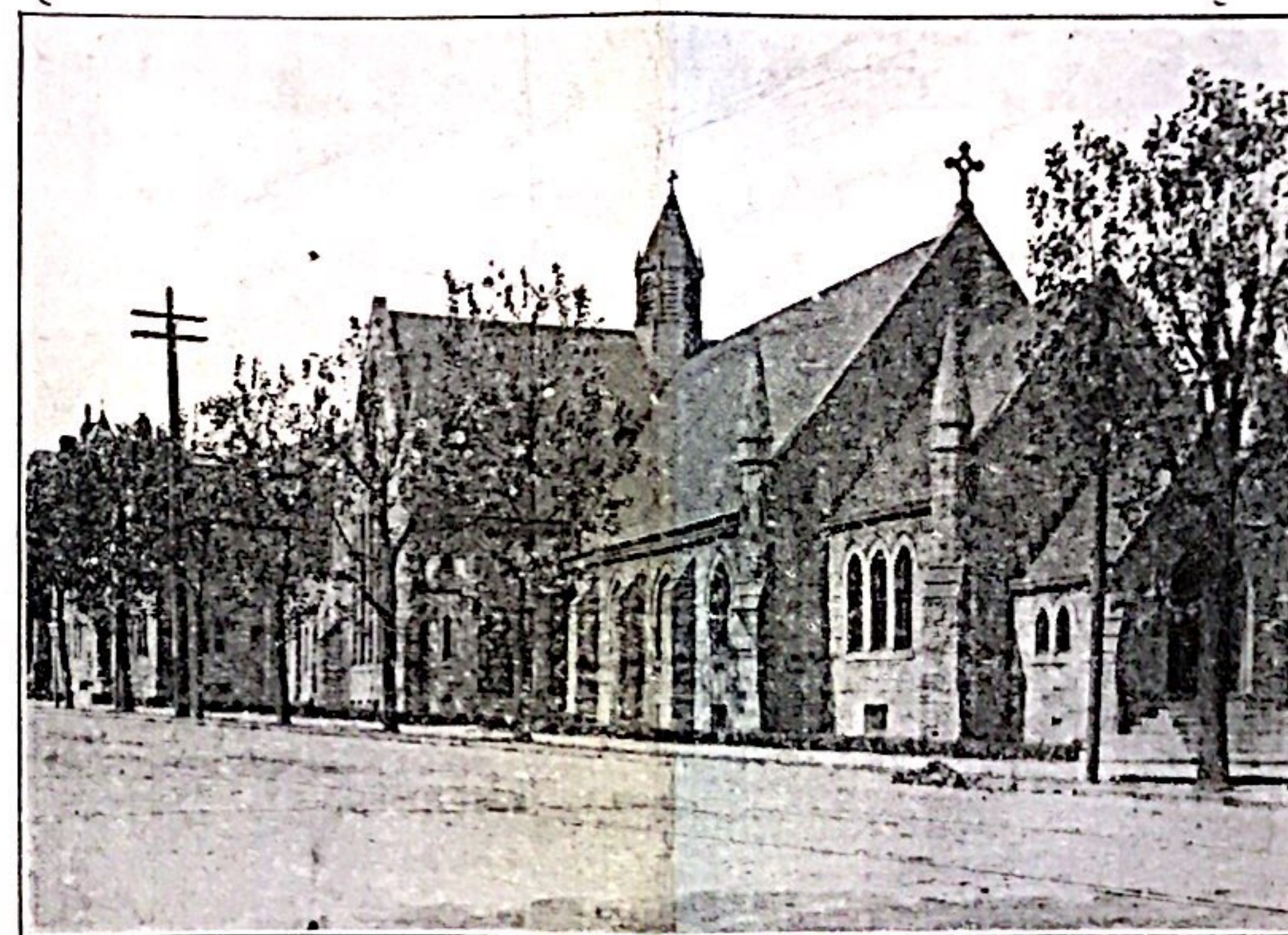
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LENT.

As the forty days of Lent begin again for us this month we may, perhaps, be inclined to inquire what is the use of it; what are we to hope for that will be of any practical value in our real lives from these many days of religious service. And the inquiry for the practical value of so much prayer and worship is quite justifiable, for as life is constituted in this world that which is most real for us is that which produces results which add something to life which makes it richer and more worth living. In this particular time in which we are living the practical sense is keener than it has ever been. Men and women are looking for that which produces the most and the most real results, and they cannot be made to feel any great interest in anything whose direct value cannot be made plain to them. It is not strange, therefore, that religion, when it makes its special appeal, should be subjected to the same test of actual value. What really valuable results will come into life from practicing religion? How much fuller and better will life be as the effect of our worshipping and praying and serving God? These are the questions which are instinctively asked when religion is more urgently brought forward

in such a time of special observance as Lent.

And Christ does not resent or condemn these questions, but rather welcomes them. For He has an answer for them, an answer which will satisfy even the most keenly practical mind. And this answer is that life depends always for its best results on the fullest exercise of its powers. The power of walking can only be brought to its fullest possession as we practice walking. The best justification of walking as an exercise is that it produces practical results of health and strength which make life something really worth having. This is the way in which the life of the body is advanced to its best condition. The use and exercise of bodily powers is the only way in which to get them up to the highest degree of practical efficiency. But Christ, our Master, says that this is not only the law for man in his bodily life. It is the law of life for man as a spiritual person. Men and women are living souls as well as living bodies, and they need some means of making the life of their souls efficient as well as the life of their bodies. Sometimes when bodily health runs low time has to be given for special attention to exercise and treatment for the regaining of the bodily powers. It is not time

wasted, but it is time most wisely and usefully employed, for it restores life to its practical value for producing best results. And so our Master wants us to know that the fullest life of our souls depends on the exercise of their spiritual powers for the purpose of making them efficient in enriching and improving life itself. If we do not exercise our souls they lose their value as surely as do our hands and arms. And when the soul loses its practical value through disease life grows poorer and less worth having. There is no sadder spectacle than a man or woman who has lived for many years without using his or her spiritual powers of faith and love and obedience towards God. There may be a body well and strong, but it hides a heart unsatisfied, disappointed, unhappy.

Christ's power over human souls has this immeasurable value for them. It touches the inner powers in man of faith, love and hope, and sets them in motion. And then it gives the man a sense of power and of pleasure in exercising them which leads at last to a great, strong sense of spiritual efficiency in producing the best results in life. Christ stirs up the life of the soul to live really and practically for things of immense eternal value. And such special religious seasons as Lent have their practical

value in the opportunity they give to take special spiritual exercise in the powers of our souls. If our faith in God has grown low and weak, now we can make a new exercise of it by praying more often and more earnestly. If our love for the things which are pleasing to God seems to be growing less, now we can fan it into new warmth by thinking and meditating on the highest and best which God has in mind for us. If our hope of being saved from our worst selves seems chilled and feeble, now it can be strengthened by looking once more to Jesus and believing in him as the hope of glory in us. Thus Lent gives us spiritual exercise and helps us to larger, richer life as we use it for our salvation.

THE EASTER OFFERING.

As we begin our keeping of Lent with its thoughts of sacrifice and service in the name of the Son of God who loved us so much that He died for us, and gave up his very life for us, let us have in our minds a purpose to accompany our thoughts and prayers with real sacrifices which mean something because they really cost us something. The sufficient proof of the sincerity of our religious professions of love and submission to God is to be

found in what they lead us to do which shows the real devoting of ourselves and what we have to the doing of something for God.

A Lent, which consists only of taking in and enjoying the comforts and blessings of the Church of Christ, its worship, its instruction, its prayers and inspirations, will not bring the full blessing which it is meant to afford. It will drift us away from Christ by making us even more selfish in our religion than before. For the spirit of Christ is the spirit of unselfishness in heart, mind and action. The spirit of Christ is the spirit which enjoys giving as much or more than receiving. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

This is the way our Master Himself expresses the true source of happiness and real enjoyment of religion. If we want to get closer to the Saviour in these Lenten days, let us get his spirit of generous sacrifice in our life in His Church. While we enjoy our Church and its worship and life as Christ's own gift to us, may we rise to the point of being unsatisfied until we have been able to prove our faith by our acts of sacrifice for the Church which we claim to love and enjoy. Let us in Christ's name begin our Lent with the purpose every day to put aside something for our Easter Offering, to give up something or

go without something that our offering may be indeed an acceptable sacrifice to God.

Our Church needs at least \$2,000 at Easter to enable it to meet its expenses for the year, and provide for its worship and pastoral service. If we all have a mind to make a willing offering unto Him who has died for us and has purchased for us with his blood a Church in which to set forth the glory of His love, we shall have no trouble at Easter to offer up this sum as a congregation as a grateful sacrifice in God's service. Let each one between God and himself do all that he knows he can do.

LENTEN SERVICES.

Ash Wednesday will occur on February 21, and there will be three services in the Church. At 8 o'clock there will be a holy communion. At 10.30 o'clock there will be said the Litany and the Penitential Office, with the Ante-Communion Service and a sermon by the Rector. The offering will be for the Woman's Auxiliary Mission work. We hope our people will begin their Lent with a good attendance.

At 8 o'clock in the evening a service of intercession will be held, to which we invite all, young and old, to come and join in an hour of

earnest, united prayer for the upbuilding of our spiritual life. Besides the regular Sunday services there will be special services during the weeks of Lent. On Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 p. m. in the parish house there will be shortened evening prayer with a brief address on some subject relating to personal religion. On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock there will be service in the Church with a sermon by one of our own clergy or by some visiting clergyman. We beg our people to look on it as a privilege to attend these Wednesday evening services, and to make some real sacrifice to attend them. Beginning with Tuesday evening, February 27, the Rector will hold instructions for confirmation in the parish house at 8 o'clock, to which all persons, young and old, will be welcome, and especially any who are desirous of confirmation, or who, not having fully made up their minds, would like to get light on the subject. If any find that they cannot come and yet would like to converse with the Rector on the subject, he will gladly see them if they will make themselves known to him.

These are the special opportunities which will be given in our parish for the spiritual observance of Lent. They are a table spread in the name of Christ to which all

are cordially invited to come and partake of the grace which God is offering us through the agency of the Church. May we not all with one accord begin to make excuse that we are too busy, or too tired, or too much taken up with wordly enjoyments to accept the invitation to come and feed our souls on the bread which comes down from heaven.

CONFIRMATION.

Bishop Rhinelander expects to make his visitation to Grace Church on Wednesday evening of Holy Week, April 4, at 8 o'clock, and will confirm those persons whom the Rector will present to him after suitable preparation. The instructions preparatory to confirmation will be held in the parish house on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock, beginning February 27. All persons, young or old, who are desirous of being confirmed should, if possible, attend the instructions regularly, though in cases where it cannot be done the Rector will arrange for instruction at other times. Children not under thirteen years of age will be welcome, and are urged to come. Parents are requested to influence their children to think seriously of their privilege and duty to be confirmed, and to come for instruction. As baptized

members of the Church all should realize that it is a great and blessed privilege to acknowledge openly their allegiance to God, their Father and Christ their Master and to accept the spiritual gifts of grace which are provided for them so freely.

MRS. LATIMER.

On the morning of January 10, Mrs. Mary C. Latimer, widow of the Rev. George Latimer and mother of our former parish visitor, Miss Rebecca P. Latimer, was released from her earthly pilgrimage and called home to her God and Saviour. She had lived a long life full of faith and good works toward God, and blessed with the deep love and devotion of all her family. Her example was one from which Christ's love shone out upon all her friends, who remember her now that she has gone from sight with warm gratitude and affection. As she had grown to feel at home with God, her Father, during her life here, she is at home with Him now, not only in His presence, but in sympathy and close fellowship with Him. She served Him patiently on earth, and she is now praising and serving Him in the glory of heaven. Her family will greatly miss her bodily presence, and we deeply

sympathize with them, but they may well rejoice that the loved mother is safe at home, united once more with her husband who went on before into the heavenly life. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY OFFERING.

The offering at the morning service on Sunday, February 18, will be the annual offering for missionary work in our own Diocese. The amount expected of Grace Church is \$230. All the parishes in our West Philadelphia Convocation are assigned a proportionate sum in order that what is required to support the diocesan missions may be obtained. There are many places in the Diocese where the people are unable to provide for themselves the services of the Church, and with whom those who are more richly blessed must feel it their Christian duty and privilege to share their blessings. We can enjoy our religion best when we let Christ's spirit lead us to give generously what we have to help others enjoy it. May we in Grace Church who have so much for which to be thankful to God in our Church life have an earnest desire that those less favored than ourselves may have a share with us in the privi-

leges of worship and service. And may that desire be so strong that we shall be moved to manifest it in a bountiful offering for our diocesan missions.

LENTEN SEWING MEETINGS.

The Woman's Guild, in combination with the Woman's Auxiliary and the Altar Guild, will hold meetings for sewing for charitable and benevolent purposes on Friday afternoons in Lent at 2 p. m. in the parish house. These meetings furnish an opportunity for practical self-sacrifice and service for others to the women of the parish, all of whom without exception will be welcome, even though they may not belong to any of the societies which lead the work.

To do something for those who need real help will draw us all closer together and will assist us to feel closer to Christ our Lord. Religion finds its best fruit not in what we enjoy of it in our own souls, but in what it prompts us to do to make others feel its kindly touch. We may not be so placed as to do anything which looks very important for any one in the name of Christ. But Christ Himself says that even a cup of cold water given to one of the least of His people will never be forgotten of God and will have its reward. Let us be

glad to do this little Lenten service together for Christ's sake.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS.

First Sunday—Mrs. Mary J. Cullen, Rev. Thomas H. Cullen, husband.

CHANGE OF ASSISTANT.

As the Rev. Mr. Gossling has accepted a call to the Rectorship of the Church of St. Matthias, this city, his service as assistant to the Rector of Grace Church ended on January 31. He has been with us for two and a half years, and has made quite a number of friends who will greatly miss him, but all of them will heartily rejoice in his promotion to a position of wider and fuller service for Christ in His Church. We will all follow him with our best wishes and most earnest prayers for great usefulness and much happiness in the parish of St. Matthias.

In Mr. Gossling's place the Rector has appointed as his assistant for the coming year the Rev. John N. Doberstine, who for three years past has had charge of St. Mary's Chapel in the parish of Christ Church at Reading, Pa. He will begin his service with us on the first Sunday in February, and will make his home at 4208 Girard

avenue. He will have charge of the boys' clubs and will teach the Young Men's Bible Class in the Sunday School.

WEDDING.

On Wednesday evening, January 17, Mr. George P. Boyd and Miss Gertrude S. Howard were joined in marriage in Grace Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. L. N. Caley, of the Church of the Nativity, this city. The wedding was very pretty in all its arrangements, and passed off most smoothly. A reception for friends of the family was held at the bride's home after the ceremony, which was very enjoyable. The young couple will make their home in Norristown. We wish them God's blessing for a long and happy life together.

SUPPER OF WOMAN'S GUILD.

On the evening of February 15 the Woman's Guild will give a supper in the Parish House, the proceeds to be used for the Lenten sewing work of the Guild. We hope the congregation will encourage the women in this effort to do some benevolent work in the name of Grace Church. The supper will be good and the price is 35 cents. Let us all come and enjoy it and

lend a hand in doing good to the poor for whom the Guild will work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN OFFERING.

The Sunday School will as usual join with all the Sunday Schools throughout the Church in the Lenten Missionary Offering which has grown to be a great source of help to our Board of Missions. Boxes will be furnished to all in our school in which the offerings are to be placed week by week, and which are to be returned with their contents at Easter, and the amount collected will be given as an offering of self-sacrifice and thanksgiving to God for the spread of the Gospel among men. We expect that our scholars will take the same interest in this offering as in past years, and that they will not fall below the amount which was given last year, which was \$110. It can be done if every one will do his and her part, for when small sums are faithfully given they grow wonderfully. Let us sacrifice something during Lent, give up something which we would otherwise enjoy, that we may give its value to this offering to help and bless others in the name of Christ. Think what He gave up for us, and let us rejoice to sacrifice ourselves for Him.

THE GIRLS' GUILD.

The Girls' Guild will give an entertainment in the Parish House on the evening of Wednesday, February 7, at 8 o'clock. The proceeds of the evening will be devoted to the expenses of the charitable work which the Guild is doing for the surgical relief of the wounded soldiers in Europe. The girls have done a large amount of this work during the winter, and have done it at their own expense. They now ask for the kindly aid of the people of Grace Church in making this entertainment a success, both socially and financially, that the Guild may replenish their treasury and incidentally give their friends an evening's enjoyment. We hope everybody will be interested in coming out and giving these nice, earnest girls large encouragement in their unselfish work. The entertainment will consist of a play entitled "The Home Guard" and some other features, and the tickets will be at the price of 15 cents, and can be obtained of any officer or member of the Guild. Do not let any of us forget it, but arrange beforehand to set aside the evening of February 7 for the express purpose of coming to the help of the Girls' Guild.

MEN'S CLUB MUSICAL.

The musicale given by the Men's

Club on January 18 was very interesting and enjoyable. The program arranged by our esteemed organist, Mr. Spielmann, included a number of fine selections, instrumental and vocal. The piano numbers by Mr. Spielmann were given with his usual brilliant execution, and the 'cello numbers by Mr. Paul Huttinger were most carefully and beautifully executed. The solos by Mrs. Minster and Mr. Johnson, of our choir, were finely done, and were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. We express our hearty thanks to all and each of these kind friends who gave their services for our benefit. We are sorry that there were not more of our people present to enjoy the rich treat of refined, high-class music. But those who came showed their high appreciation by their hearty applause which drew forth generous encores. We hope we may soon again have the pleasure of enjoying another such musical evening, and we all are thankful to the Men's Club for providing for us this opportunity.

ALASKA MISSIONS.

The visit of the Rev. Mr. Madara, of the Mission at Chena, Alaska, on Sunday morning, January 14, was greatly enjoyed by those present at the service. Our only regret is that the day opened with so heavy a storm as greatly to

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diminish the size of the congregation. Those who heard the speaker expressed their warm appreciation of his address. In the afternoon, when Mr. Madara addressed the Sunday School, there was a large attendance of the scholars, and there were also a few visitors. Mr. Madara showed great tact in holding the attention of the scholars, including even the smallest in the primary department. Every one showed enjoyment of his stories of life in Alaska, and of the work that the missionaries are doing there. As the result of Mr. Madara's visit the Sunday School gave \$25 as a special offering for the little church at Chena, and the Woman's Auxiliary collected and sent \$30 as a special for the same purpose. All the furnishings for the church at Chena were recently lost in the wreck of a steamer on Tanana River, and these special offerings are intended to help in making up for their loss.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS FOR 1916.

It will be interesting to some of us to know that the Sunday School for the year 1916, through its use of duplex envelopes, contributed for general purposes \$276.82 and for Missions \$41.71, making in all \$318.53, which is \$29.81 in advance of the amount for 1915. This is an excellent record, and testifies to the

faithful devotion of the scholars to the Sunday School and its work. The school is in excellent condition, the greatest harmony prevails and all the officers and teachers are faithful and diligent in their work. In fact, there is a spirit of sincere enjoyment in the services and the work which makes it a pleasure to be in the school. And we are sure that the scholars are storing up some knowledge of the things of God which will awaken in their minds in later years good desires and earnest purposes to live according to the spirit of Christ, the spirit of love to God and joyful submission to His fatherly will. We cannot see the grain sown in the ground growing, but we pray God it may grow and become a harvest of Christian living.

SELECTIONS. DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
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Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
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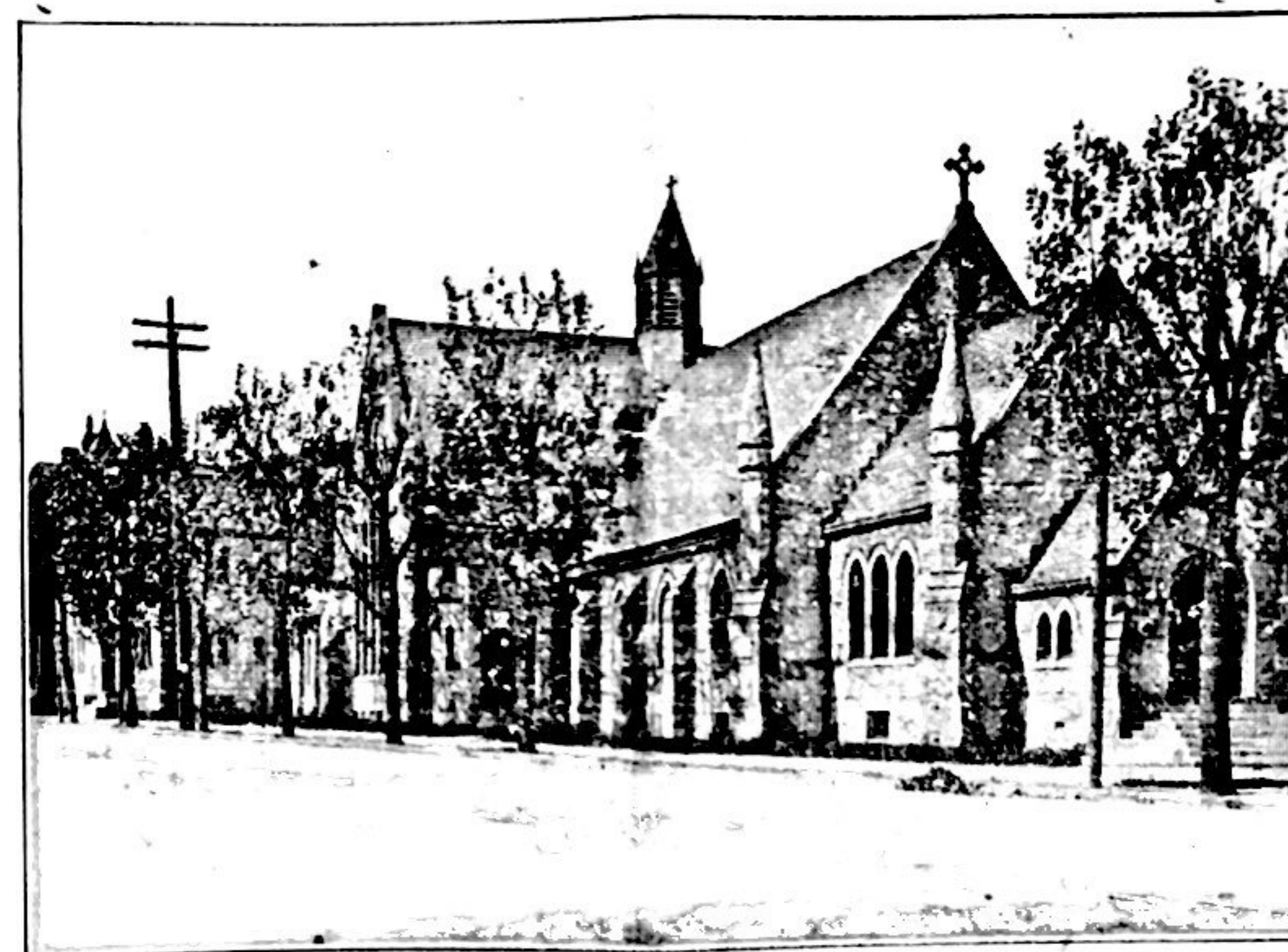
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CLOSENESS TO GOD.

Adapted from DR. JOHN H. JOWETT

In the Master's parable of the sower it is said, "And some seeds fell by the wayside." We see readily how it was with this part of the seed sown. It has in itself as much promise of life and fruitfulness as that sown elsewhere. But the trouble is that it cannot get into the ground. The power of life in the soil, and the power to live in the soul do not come into close fellowship. The miracle of the bursting shell and the growing germ is nearly happening, but it does not happen. Seed and earth touch one another but they do not combine so as to bring about a harvest. They are in contact, but not in living touch.

And so the Master illustrates the way things often go in God's field of human life. Great happenings may be exceedingly near and yet distressingly remote. Truth may be right up against the soul and yet it may not be able to get into the soul. We may brush against God but nothing more. The Divine may be as near the human as the seed to the wayside ground and still there may be no real grasp on it.

A man may be touched by God and yet not be able to make any response; may be in touch with life and yet may not live. God is near but the soul cannot feel Him or be

in any vital connection with Him.

How true this is in the simple material conditions of our lives! God is close by us here in His created world. He touches us on every side, and every common place is His home. And yet how utterly oblivious most men and women are to His presence in the things which are daily happening. Like the multitude which the Master fed, we enjoy that which God so freely gives, but we do not feel His hand in the giving. We touch God every moment, but we do not get any living thought of Him, and do not enter into any real fellowship with His fatherly love and care.

And it is true in the secret experiences in which we come face to face with the question as to what we are and ought to be as children of God. When we look ourselves in the face and see how little we are the kind of men and women that we would like to be, and the wish rises in us that we might get to some better and finer plane of living, what is this but the falling of heavenly seed upon the ground of our hearts? In those feelings of shame and sorrow over our faults and sins and those wishes for escape from them into a life free to realize its better promises, God is sowing upon us the seeds of spiritual harvests. God is in contact with us, but He cannot get any further than that, unless we have

something better to offer Him than hearts hardened by the pressure of the things and the business of this world. We must give heed to these monitions of God's Spirit, must take them into the living powers of our life, and let them abide with us and grow in us into real repentance and real surrender to God's grace in Christ. Then we have more than a passing touch with God. Then we have living communion with Him.

And the Master's word is true of the services of worship in which we engage on Sundays and other days, especially during such a time as Lent. When we gather together for these occasions of united prayer and praise God is close by, nearer than we can express. We cannot help but touch Him. We are brushing against Him every minute of the sacred hour. And yet while we are thus close to God we may be as hard to Him as the wayside ground to the sown seed. We may be interested in the service and yet no part of it may stir our souls into deep reverence, and sincere penitence and real faith in God and Christ. When we bow our heads and seem to pray we may not get any living grasp on God. Even in the feast of the Holy Communion we may handle the bread and the wine and so touch the very hem of our Lord's garment and yet we may not get into any union of heart

and soul with Him. We may go away satisfied that we have outwardly been to God's table, but we may not really have fed our spirits on His love and grace and forgiveness. The seed touched the wayside, but it was not taken in.

But it is true also in the common circumstances and labors with which our lives are so full. These are not mere hard conditions laid upon us to bear as well as we can with no chance in them for our souls to act freely and victoriously. All these prosaic, every-day settings of our lives have the touch of God's wisdom and will and love in them. The holy Lord is near us in our homes, and our shops, and our offices, and He is sowing upon us those living powers which can make the commonest labors rich in harvests of good and Christlike living. God is lovingly concerned about all our daily toil, and is offering us patience and courage and strength that we may do them with a fine spirit. But the seed must get into the ground. The Lord must get into the soul if the workshop is to become His temple in which we can really serve Him. We must learn with Christ to commune with God as we work and to rejoice in everything that we have to do as something done with and for Him. Then His presence will become as real as our daily business. We shall not only touch Him, but we shall

get into living touch and intimate fellowship with Him. He will abide in us and we in Him, and we shall then bring forth much fruit of good living in our daily communion with Him.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH.

First Sunday — Mrs. Edward Emery and Miss Emma Alexander. Mrs. Justina D. Alexander, mother.

Second Sunday—Miss Clara E. Riley. Mr. Charles Riley, brother.

Third Sunday—Mrs. Mary J. Cullen. Joseph M. Clark, father.

Fourth Sunday—Mrs. William Waterall. Mr. Hyman L. Lipman, father.

OBITUARY.

On February 14, Mrs. Mary J. Cullen, an aged communicant of Grace Church, was called away from the burdens of this present world into the victory and peace of the heavenly life. She was the widow of the Rev. Thomas H. Cullen, who had served as a clergyman in the Protestant Episcopal Church for many years, and was highly respected and esteemed as a faithful minister of Christ. Mrs. Cullen had been a great comfort and help to her husband in his various charges, and had won the

affection of all those with whom she labored by her gentle, kind and unselfish character. She had been in Grace Church parish for about eleven years, and her love for the Church services, and her generosity and faithfulness in contributing to every good cause were unfailing. She was a sincere follower of her Lord Jesus Christ and her faith in Him was simple and complete. She lived a long life, and endured many afflictions, but she always held fast to God as her Father and Friend. And now we rejoice for her that she has gone home into the heavenly life where she will be safe forever in God's eternal presence.

EASTER OFFERING.

Let us keep constantly in mind every day the privilege of proving the sincerity of our religion by the self-sacrifice which we can make for it. Religion, like everything else, gets a stronger hold on us as we put more into it of what we consider of real value to us. Christ our Master grows nearer and dearer to us the more it costs us to give ourselves to His service. We enter more deeply into the love of God for us when our love for God draws us out into generous sacrifice for God's work on earth. We shall never truly find out the great value of religion until we learn the secret of joyous self-denial. Our

prayers and worship during Lent will get most real hold of us when we match them with some real giving of what we possess, to God and His Church. The effect on ourselves of real sacrifice, in enlarging our faith in God and our love of God is the great good which comes from self-denying giving. Let us try to realize that every day, and by little daily denials and savings, gather a generous offering for Easter.

Our Church needs our generous assistance for carrying on its work, and as that work is done in the name of God that His Kingdom may come and His will be done here among us, and elsewhere throughout the world, what we give to it we give to our Father in heaven. Sometimes people complain that there are so many appeals to them to give for religious purposes. But they fail to see that this is the very spirit of a living religion. The very foundation of religion is in the love of God which is continually giving itself to men and women. And our Christianity lives upon the fact that God gave His beloved Son as a gift by which to save a sinful world. Take the element of unselfish giving out of Christ's Gospel and there will be nothing left. Therefore, our religion leads us, when it is real, to practice the heavenly spirit of giving in order that we may get into

close sympathy with God who gave His Son and with our Lord Christ who gave to us all that He had for our salvation. When we get into God's Spirit of sacrifice we get into real possession and real enjoyment of our religion.

LENTEN SERVICES.

The Lenten Services will continue week by week during this month. On Sunday evening, March 18, the sermon will be by the Rev. J. J. Joyce Moore, the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Eighth and Spruce streets. On Wednesday evening, March 7, the Dean of West Philadelphia Convocation, Rev. Mr. Gilbertson, will preach. We hope our people will make it a point to come out in good numbers on these two evenings to welcome these visiting clergymen. No general list of preachers from other parishes has been arranged this year, but occasionally perhaps we may be favored with others besides our own clergy. The Confirmation instructions will be given by the Rector on Tuesday evenings, beginning February 27, at 8 o'clock, in the Parish House. All desiring Confirmation are invited and urged to attend.

The services on Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent will be held in the Parish House at 4.30 o'clock. Last month we announced these services for 4 o'clock, but we have

deemed it best to change the hour for general convenience.

LENTEN SEWING.

All women in the Parish are cordially invited to the Friday afternoon sewing meetings during Lent in the Parish House, beginning February 23, at 2 o'clock. The Woman's Guild, the Woman's Auxiliary, the Altar Guild and the Daughter of the King are uniting in this work of unselfish well doing. It is a good way of putting into practice the self-sacrifice for which Lent especially stands. We hope every woman will feel free to come and lend a hand in the good work.

LENTEN CHOIR.

The Girls' Guild have kindly volunteered again to serve as a choir for the Lenten services on Wednesday evenings, under direction of Mr. Spielmann. We appreciate it very much, for it is a real help to the Rector and the congregation, and without it we do not see how the services could be held. We thank the girls most sincerely for their kind assistance. We are also thankful that Miss Hooven has consented to play the piano for our afternoon Lent services on Tuesdays and Fridays, which will be held at 4.30 o'clock, instead of 4

o'clock, as was stated in THE RECORD for last month.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary on February 11 was unusually interesting from the fact that Rev. Mr. Madara, of the Mission at Chena in Alaska, was present and gave an enjoyable talk on work among the Esquimaux children. He exhibited some specimens of the work done by them in making moccasins and gloves, and it seems remarkable that little ones only seven years old can do such good sewing. There was a fair attendance at the meeting, and several interesting reports of the Auxiliary meetings at the Church House were made by the various committees. The Branch in our Church is to work during Lent with the Woman's Guild and the other societies in making garments for the Angora Home for Children, and in contributing to a box being prepared at the Church House for the Mission in Liberia, besides sewing for one of our hospitals. The meetings of the Auxiliary in our parish have been growing in interest this year, and the attendance has much improved. We hope more women will take an interest in this missionary society.

SUPPER OF WOMAN'S GUILD.

The supper given by the Woman's Guild on Thursday evening, February 15, in spite of a heavy snowstorm which prevailed on that date, was most gratifying in the number of people present and in the fine social spirit which marked the occasion. The roast beef supper, the first of the kind which the Guild has given, proved to be even better than we had anticipated it would be. The new gas range proved itself to be all that could be desired for cooking such a repast, and, seconded by a good cook, it turned out a first-class meal. It was the general verdict of all who partook of it that there never was a supper so good served at so reasonable a price. The reputation of our faithful, hard-working women of the Guild was, if possible, increased several degrees for knowing how to serve food which everybody can really enjoy. We thank them heartily for all the labor so willingly and cheerfully performed for the furtherance of the social life of our church. We hope a considerable amount was realized to aid the Guild in its charitable Lenten sewing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN OFFERING.

We take occasion to speak again of the mite boxes in which the Sunday School will gather its Lenten offering for Missions. We hope parents will encourage the children to feel an interest in this offering in which they join with all the children of the church in helping on the great work of missions. Help them to be interested in the thousands whom they have never seen who do not possess this blessed religion of Jesus Christ which brings so much comfort, security and happiness into young lives. We hope the school can raise \$100 as its share for spreading into other lives the knowledge of Christ.

CLOSING MUSICAL SERVICE.

The last of the monthly musical services for the season was held on Sunday evening, February 4, and was a most interesting production of the best type of religious music. The solos were sung excellently and the chorus work in the anthems was up to the best which has yet been done. We are under great obligations to the choir-master and organist, and the whole choir for providing us with these fine musical services.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Girls' Friendly Society have been holding their regular weekly meetings throughout the winter. Their usual work was set aside during Advent in order to devote the entire time to making and filling fifty-two stockings. These stockings helped to make merry the Christmas of fifty-two children of the Primary Department of the Sunday School of St. John the Evangelist at Third and Reed streets.

Five of our members, including the Branch Secretary and one Associate, attended the reception given to Miss Sibley, the National President of the Society, at the Curtis Building. Miss Sibley's talk to the members was most encouraging.

The Girls' Friendly of St. Barnabas invited the Grace Church Chapter to be their guests when they had their festival celebration. Five girls and one Associate accepted and had a most delightful evening.

In December we started a class of five candidates which, when they have attained the age of fourteen, will be eligible to become members of the G. F. S. Miss Margaret Bryant has charge of the candidate class. Mrs. Rothbottom was here with us two evenings, and we have

all felt helped by the talks she has given us.

Seven girls and three Associates attended the West Philadelphia Conference of the G. F. S. These conferences, which are held each winter, are so worth while, as we learn what the other branches are accomplishing.

J. L. KIFT.

GIRLS' GUILD.

The entertainment of the Girls' Guild, on the evening of February 7, was a complete success. The weather was all that could be desired, and the attendance was the largest we have seen for some time at any event in our Parish House. That those present heartily enjoyed the entertainment was shown by the frequent applause, and by the generous appreciation expressed after the close. Mr. Gornley played some good selections on the piano, our good friend, Mr. MacLellan, sang some delightful songs, and Miss Gillard made a great hit with her bright readings and recitations. The play by the girls of the Guild was excellently given and was very amusing and enjoyable. The parts of "The Home Guards" were all well carried through, and the many funny situations were presented with fine effect. We are thankful to the Guild for providing so pleasant an evening's entertainment and

are glad they were cheered and encouraged by having so many present. We hope a good sum was realized to help the Guild in its works of charity and helpfulness.

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

Mere Bible study may not bring any blessing. There are persons who have an amazing knowledge of the contents of the Bible and who are amazingly unblessed. An earnest Christian woman who felt deep spiritual concern for those in the Church life of her community, says: "I felt that a greater knowledge of God's Word must bring about an awakening of higher life. After a time I found that there had come to pass a deeper interest in the Bible without any greater personal interest in the living Lord whom the Word revealed. I found out in this way that even knowledge of God's Word is not power for living with God. I found that only when through the Word we get closer to the Lord so that He may abide in us, do we get the power which insures us the victory of faith." How true it is. The only good reason for studying the Bible is to get into touch with Him Who speaks in the Bible, with God Himself. The Incarnate Word is the blessing which the written Word is meant to bring, Christ in us the hope

of glory.—*The Sunday School Times.*

LENTEN MUSICAL SERVICES.

On the evening of Wednesday, March 28, the sacred cantata, entitled "The Message from the Cross," by W. C. Macfarlane, will be rendered by our choir, under the personal direction of Mr. Sykes, our choirmaster. This is a most suitable composition to be given in Lent, as it is very devotional in character. We hope our people will make a special effort to come and enjoy the work.

On Good Friday evening, April 6, Stainer's great work, "The Crucifixion," will be given by the choir. All who know this classic composition will be glad to have the opportunity of hearing it again. Its music is full of deep religious feeling and will help us to enter fully into the spirit of Good Friday, and to be impressed by its solemn teachings. We greatly wish that the church may be filled on both these occasions.

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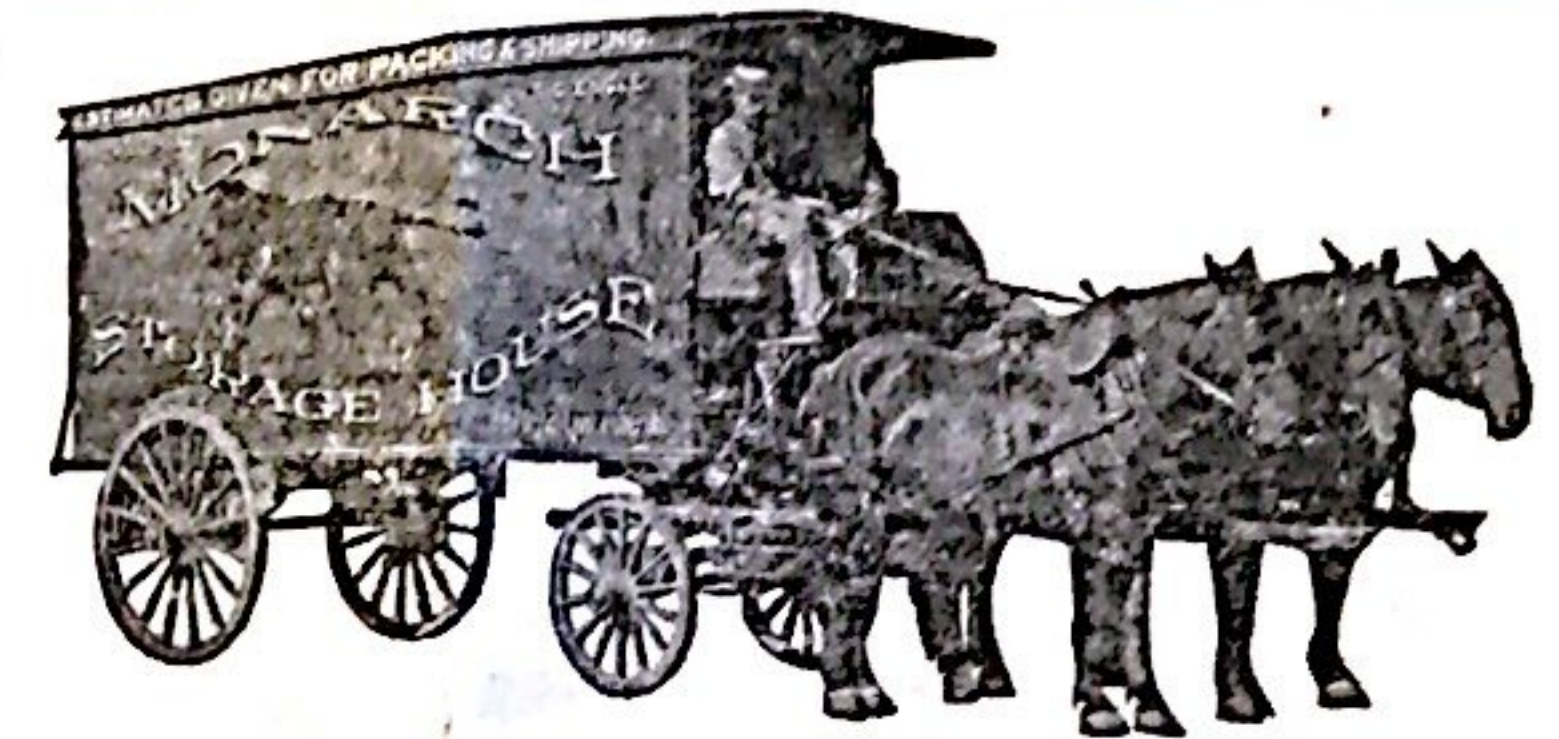
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persisting under the shock of battle, is like the appearance of a star in the blackest night. After a fierce engagement in France three wounded men found themselves near one another on the battlefield. One a German, was rapidly approaching death; the other two, British soldiers, not so badly injured, were pining for a drink of water. The German recognizing the word "drink" pointed to his side and kept saying, "Here." The Tommy Atkinses from across the Channel thought that in view of his suffering he would rest more easily if they could lift him up. So forgetting that earlier in the day they had been using their bayonets against him, they managed, wounded though they were, to lift him up a little and found, to their surprise, that he was lying on his water bottle. Thinking he, too, was thirsty, one of them held it to his lips. He responded in broken English, "No, not me—I die—you drink." Not many minutes later he passed into the unseen world, but not until his thoughtfulness for his wounded and thirsty companions had touched their hearts so that they were moved to signify that he had the real stuff of manhood in him. A little later they and some of their companions buried him and improvised a headstone on which one of them scrawled on a bit of paper, "A 1." "Paper was rare, you

know," writes this Tommy Atkins to a London paper, "but we wanted to say something."

Gone from the hearts of these soldiers for the moment were all sentiments of revenge and cruelty. It was the historic incident of Sir Philip Sidney on the field of Zutphen brought down to these terrible days. We may well believe that terrific as the onslaughts have been in Belgium, France, and all along the Eastern frontier, the men carrying the rifles and manning the great guns have not sunk to the level of tigers. The divine instincts still live in them and on many a battlefield and in many a hospital will find beautiful expression. Oh, that the rising tide of hatred against men, just because they are of this nation or that, might be met and counteracted by a stronger wave of appreciation of what is best in every man, buried though it is just now under the awful weight of prejudice and rancor.—*The Congregationalist*.

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caught in a heavy tropical shower on an open plain. I immediately had my tent put up and all found shelter in it. "Wonderful!" they exclaimed, "he carries his house with him!" That evening, when we had camped, they were trying to light a fire by rubbing the point of one stick into a hole of another. I took out a box of matches and struck one. "What!" they cried, "he carries fire in his pocket and it does not burn him!" For their every wound or ailment I found a remedy in my medicine chest. One in agony from toothache I relieved of his tooth. "He has a long bird's beak," he told his friends, "that pecks out teeth." On a cloudy afternoon we lost our direction. I got out my compass and, after consulting it, showed them where the sun was. "He carries a little god who tells him where the sun is descending." Their wonder was unbounded when on the capitas telling me with a distressed face that their food was done, I opened a tin of flour and was able to give them a meal. "He opened a little iron box and then poured and poured out of it an endless stream of flour," he told them. Somehow I seemed able to supply all their wants and more. Their conclusion is that the "white man" is incredibly rich and endless in resources, and their faith in me is pathetic. Their remarks made me think of Phil. 4: 19, "My God

shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."—A. C. Murray.

SAME BUT DIFFERENT.

A man was walking along the street in the performance of his duty; he was thinking about things he ought to think about; he was looking out for the welfare of other walkers so as not to run them down; his mind was wide awake and intelligent, but he did not see the little bit of ice, and in an instant he was down on the pavement with a broken arm. And the people rushed to his rescue from all directions, there were representatives of every race and every creed all eager to be of service, and all expressing the most genuine sympathy, and the fortunate unfortunate man was aided to the hospital and cared for until he was well. Another man was walking through the crowded experiences of a real life, in possession of his full faculties and in pursuit of things worth while, but he did not see the bit of temptation in his way, and in an instant he was down with a broken moral character! And all around him were people of every race and every creed, and they turned their faces away from the "criminal" as they called him, and the police and patrol wagon took him away to the prison. And yet he but slipped as did the other.

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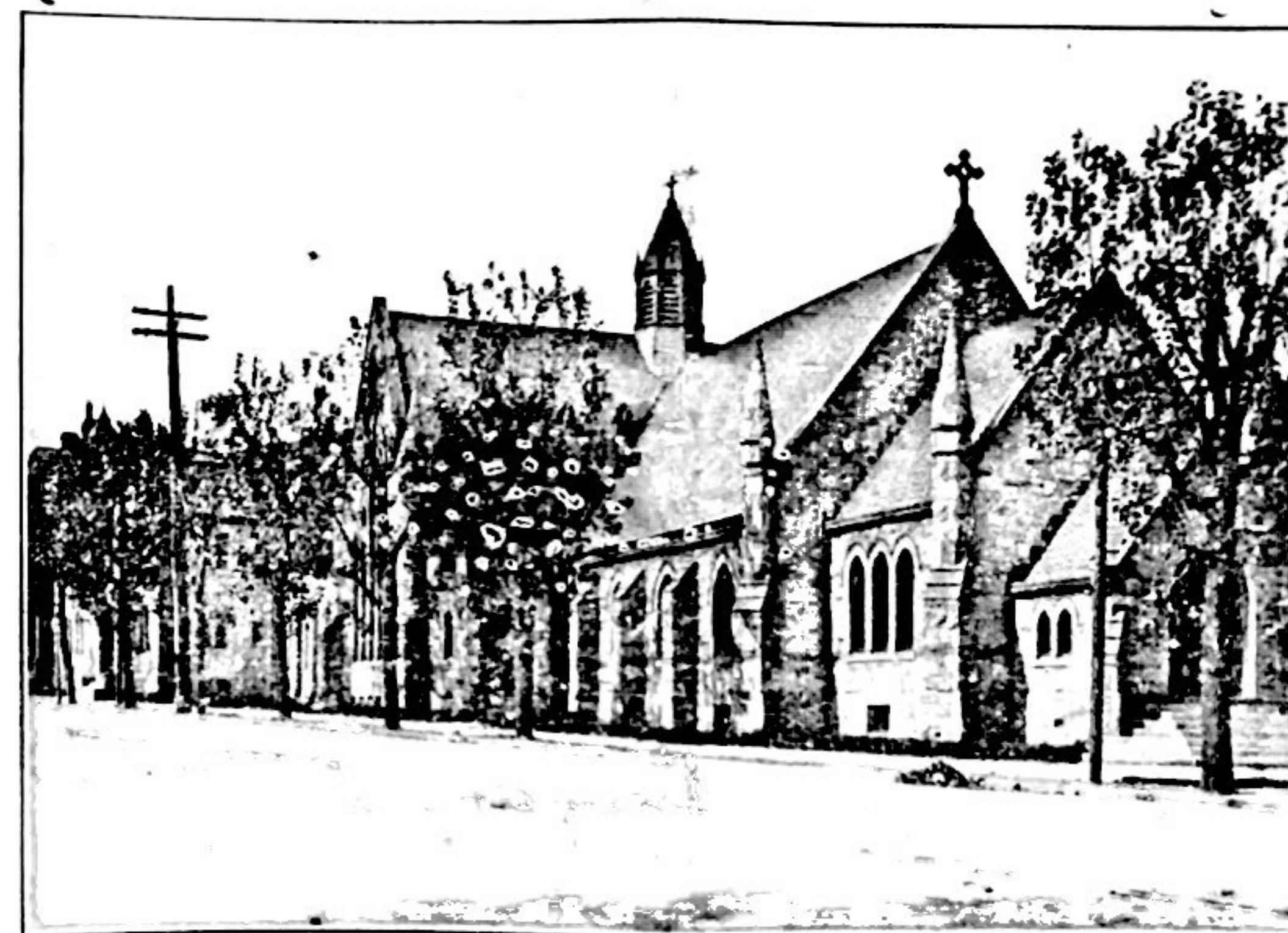
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EASTER.

By PHILLIPS BROOKS.

This is what Jesus does for us by His resurrection. Having the keys of death in His hands, He opens the door on both sides of it and shows us immortality. Not merely does He live forever, but so shall we. For us too death shall be not an end, but an experience. Beyond it for us just as for Him stretches immortality. Because He lives we shall live also.

And now let us try to tell one another what it is to be immortal; what it is to have death broken down so that life stretches out beyond it, the same life as this, opening, expanding, but forever the same essentially. Just as with Jesus who always lives, the life that He lives evermore is the same after His death on Calvary as before, only with something added to it which was not there before, some new knowledge and some new sympathy gained from a new experience.

And, first of all, let us speak of the immense and noble freedom from many of the most trying and vexatious of our temptations which come to a man or woman for whom Christ has lifted the curtain and rent in twain the veil between the present and future. Let us fancy that I am a man who has no vision beyond this world. Let me bow myself down and shut myself in

until all my thought of my life stops sharp and short there at the grave. I am going to work along here till when? Perhaps till tomorrow morning, perhaps till fifty years hence: what does it matter? Certainly for a very minute of time, and then it will all be over. What I do I must not only begin, I must finish here and now. All my desires, the deep wishes that are in my soul because I am a man, the desire to accomplish something, the desire to please, the desire to discover and display myself; all these desires, which are good because they belong to my humanity, must be satisfied before the curtain falls, or they can never be satisfied, for the falling of the curtain is the end of all. What a coward I become! What a poor, timid, limited, temporary thing. I must attempt nothing so large that I cannot finish it before the sun goes down. I must desire nothing that this life cannot bestow. If I want to please, whom shall I please? Only these cramped, crippled and half-judging men about me, to whose level I must descend to win their honor. If I want to make myself known I must take this crude self which I am now and hold it up and make the most of its poor qualities, for it is "now or never," since the end may come at once. How superficial, restless and impatient! What a slave I come to be! Where is my independence?

How this world has me down and treads on me, treads me into the dust and mire of the present, since I know no future world into which I can lift myself up and run away.

But now by my side all the time there is another man, and the difference between him and me is this, that he believes in immortality. Somehow he has got hold of the truth of resurrection. To him death is a jar, a break, a deep, mysterious change, but not the end of life. This man really believes it. And now see what it does to him. See how free it makes him! How it breaks his tyrannies! He can undertake works of self-culture, or of search for truth which are far too vast for the very longest life on earth, and yet be serene and joyous while working on, though men tell him that he will die before his work is done. He can desire to please and yet be perfectly patient waiting for a "well done" that will fall on his ears from divine lips when this world and its shows are over. He can desire to make himself known, and yet live content in earthly obscurity, sure that some day, no matter when, God will call him and bid men see in him the work of love and grace. Can you picture the independence of such a man? What are my temptations to him? He walks over them with feet which follow his far-seeing sight like a man who strides with his firm step

and far-seeing eyes over the pebbles in the path behind which a crawling insect is blocked and hindered. Sometimes when one is traveling through a foreign country it happens that he stops a day or a week in some small village which has little communication with the outside world, where the people are born and grow up, and grow old and die without ever leaving or thinking of leaving their small corner in the mountains. The traveler shares for a little while their narrow, local life and submits to their limitations. But all the while he is freer than they are. He is not tied down to the petty traditions and customs which rule them with despotic force. He knows of a larger world to which he belongs. He is kept free by the sense of the world beyond the mountains from which he came and to which he is going back. And so when a man strong in the conviction of his immortality really thinks of himself as a stranger and pilgrim among the multitudes which know no home and no world but this, then he is free among them, free from the earthly tyrannies that enslave them, free from the temptation to be cowardly and mean. The wall of death, beyond which they never look, is to him only a mountain that can be crossed, from whose top he shall see eternity, where he belongs.

How good it would be for us if

Easter could show us immortality and set us free. There are some things which we are afraid to do, some right word we are afraid to speak, some weak and wicked habit we are afraid to give up, some improvement of ourselves we are afraid to undertake, some effort to be useful to our world in some earnest way from which we shrink, out of a feeble fear of what people will say about it, and what they will think of us for it. But we would get rid of that fear instantly if we but realized our immortality and stood in the midst of the greater world of our eternal life. The fears which limit other lives would disappear for us as the mists that lie thick and damp in the valleys scatter and are lost as soon as one gets up into the free air on the hill-tops. What is there in any merely earthly criticism or condemnation which dies away the very day it is born, which can terrify, even though it pain, the man or woman who is to live forever? He is free. He has entered into the glorious liberty of the children of God. He lives as Christ lives in the presence of the Father, to whom at last he will go home, and with whom he will live at home forever more.

HOLY WEEK.

In Holy Week there will be Evening Prayer with a short address in

the Parish House on Monday and Tuesday afternoons at 4.30 o'clock. On Wednesday morning at 10.30 o'clock the Litany will be said in the church. On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the service of Confirmation will be held, at which the Bishop will confirm those who have been prepared. We fear from what we hear of the illness of Bishop Rhinelander that he will be unable to visit us. But some other Bishop will take his place if he cannot come. A class of ten or twelve will be ready for confirmation. The offering will be for the Bishop's Fund for Diocesan Charity.

On Thursday there will be a Holy Communion at 8 o'clock in the morning, and the memorial celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 o'clock in the evening.

On Good Friday there will be a service in the church at 10.30 in the morning, consisting of the Litany, the Ante-Communion and a sermon. The offering will be for the colored missions of the diocese. On Good Friday evening at 8 o'clock the choir will sing Stainer's oratorio, "The Crucifixion." It will be a most suitable climax for our Holy Week devotions.

• EASTER SERVICES.

On Easter Day there will be an early celebration of the Holy Com-

munion at 8 o'clock in the morning. At 10.45 there will be the regular morning service and Holy Communion, with an Easter sermon. The offerings at both morning services will be the annual Easter offering for the support of Grace Church.

In the evening of Easter Day at 7.45 o'clock the Sunday School will hold an Easter Festival Service in the church, aided by the choir. To this service all friends and relatives of the children are cordially invited and will be made most welcome. The offering will be for the Sunday School Lenten Offering for Missions.

EASTER ELECTION.

On the Monday following Easter Day an election will be held in the Parish House from 3 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The polls will be open for one hour, after which they will be closed and the judges appointed will count and announce the result. The election will be for ten Vestrymen, who will serve for the ensuing year as the corporation of the parish.

EASTER OFFERING.

We ask our readers to suffer a final appeal to them in all earnest affection to give a large place in their thoughts and purposes to the

privilege and duty of proving their love for Christ and His Church by their unselfish offerings on Easter Day. The Church is a source of much blessing and comfort to us, as we are all sure to find out when days of sorrow and pain overtake us. It ought to be an object of such grateful affection and attachment that we can find a pleasure in ministering to its needs and keeping up its vigor and usefulness at the cost of some real self-sacrifice. The Vestry needs about \$2,000 to insure the meeting of all requirements for church support this year, additional to the regular income. If we all are willing to do our full share we can surely give something near the sum required. And we shall all receive a blessing in doing it, for the Lord will repay every sacrifice for His cause in the Church with interest tenfold in the secret peace and happiness we shall have in knowing that we have given something to Him who has given Himself for us.

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OBITUARY.

MRS. MARGARET R. STRAUSS.

On February 20th, Mrs. Margaret R. Strauss, one of the old members of Grace Church passed away, home to God, after a long period of severe suffering. She became connected with the Church far back in the time of its greatest prosperity under the Rev. Dr. Suddards, and her children were brought up in the Sunday School. She was an earnest, faithful Christian, serving God according to her best light and setting a good example to all around her. She died in a firm faith in Christ, and in a sure confidence in His salvation. She has now entered into her reward, and we give God thanks. We sympathize with her family in their sorrow and pray that God will comfort them according to the riches of His grace in Christ Jesus.

MISS KATE DETWILER.

After some weeks of illness, Miss

Kate Detwiler, on February 19th, passed away peacefully to her eternal home with God. She had been long connected with Grace Chapel, and later with the Church when the Chapel was merged in it. She was a woman of strong and energetic character, who had filled well her place in the world, and had been faithful to every charge committed to her. She was an earnest Christian and a true friend of the Church and a useful helper in good works. She leaves many friends who were strongly attached to her and who will greatly miss her. But we rejoice for her that her long pilgrimage on earth is over and that she has gone on into the light and the joy of her Lord. May God in His sufficient grace comfort her family and enable them in their sorrow to give God thanks that all is well with her.

MAJOR JOHN LOCKHART.

This aged veteran of the Civil War passed out of the warfare of this world into the land of eternal peace on February 27th. He was an uncle of Mrs. J. D. McFerren, of our Church. His war record was a notable one for the number of battles in which he took part, and for the valuable service which he rendered. He had been twice wounded, but survived all his perils and had lived to a good old age. He loved his country intensely, like

a true patriot. But at last, worn and weary, he was glad to go home to a better country where he can serve his God forever.

MEN'S CLUB.

At the meeting of the Men's Club on Thursday evening, March 15th, though the attendance was not large, there was much pleasant and friendly discussion, and an earnest interest was shown in the welfare of the Parish. It was resolved that the club will hold a "Social Evening" on Thursday, April 19th, to which all the members of the congregation, including especially the young people, are to be cordially invited as the guests of the club. Music will be provided, and there will be some singing of patriotic and social songs in which all can join. Light refreshments will be served during the evening. Invitations will be sent to all the parish societies, and postal notices will be mailed to all the families of our Church. We hope that all these invitations will be accepted and that they will have the effect of bringing out a large attendance. It will do us all good to get together for an evening of friendly conversation and united enjoyment, and it will encourage the Men's Club to see that their effort to promote sociability and friendship in our Church has been a great success.

THE FLAG.

Through the efforts of a committee of ladies of the Woman's Guild a handsome flag has been purchased and now hangs in a conspicuous place in our church. We are very thankful to those who proposed the matter of procuring the flag, and who secured the means for it. It is very appropriate at this point in our nation's life that Christian people should show appreciation of the great blessing which God has bestowed on us in appointing us a place in this highly favored country; and the house in which we worship God, and in which we regularly pray for our land, is a good place in which to display the symbol of our nationality. One of the teachings of our religion is that we must be good citizens, loyal to our country institutions and ready to serve in every way in maintaining and defending the principles of freedom and justice for which they stand. Loyalty is the one thing which we owe at this time to our country's institutions and ready to of our beloved flag in our church will help us pray more fervently for our land and for ourselves, that we may fail in no duty to our United States.

LENTEN SEWING.

The Lenten sewing meetings on

Friday afternoons have been very successful this year in the matter of attendance and of work accomplished. Besides making up a good quantity of material into articles of clothing for the Angora Home for Children, and for the Chapin Home for the Blind, a generous amount of sewing has been done for the West Philadelphia Hospital on Parrish street. It has been a work of real benevolence, and the women of our Church have carried it through with great earnestness and faithfulness. The four societies of women in the parish have united in this work of self-sacrifice and service for others in a fine Christian spirit. We are sure that this friendly co-operation will have for its effect a deepening of Christian character and an enrichment of fellowship and friendship with the Saviour. He always blesses everything which we do in His name by giving us closer touch with His heavenly spirit, and a more real and blessed sense of His presence with us, saving us and helping us to carry on His spirit to others.

THE RIGHT POINT OF VIEW.

The whole Church must be convinced that our Lord meant it when He said that the work He gave us to do can only be accomplished in the power which He bestows. The Church must actually believe that

no matter how great its leaders may be, or how rich its gifts, the work cannot be done except in the power of the Holy Ghost. Once this is certainly known, the Church will pray.

The mind of the Church must be diverted from thinking of the amount of money needed, and fixed upon the wonderful things the Christ waits to do for His redeemed ones. Then, the people who know Him will be filled with enthusiasm to help bring the Church's mission to successful completion.

The Church must realize that the honor of the Head of the Church is involved in every one having an equal right to share in this enterprise. To leave the impression that a few favored ones may monopolize it, or that the most humble has not equal privilege with the most exalted is to make those who do not know Him suppose that our Master can show partiality. Once the Church becomes sensitive about this, there will be no individual unaccounted for—the organization for work will be thorough.

The Church must by some means develop the spirit of fair play. No one needs to be told that he will be judged as a steward of his Master's goods, the rich man according to his wealth, the poor man according to that which he hath. But to lay the whole burden on a few because they

are generous and willing to bear it is unfair and causes loss. The great company of us to whom a little is much can easily take care of the workers. Those whom God has made able to accumulate wealth should be free to provide for the equipment of the work, and make it possible to secure the advances. Thus, opportunity would be given to each one proportionately.

People should learn how to forget the whole amount of money needed, in order that they may reverently consider how much they may devote to the enterprise which is the test of their fidelity. It is really surprising to note how many overlook the fact that they can readily give 25 cents a week, while they are thinking they will never have a million dollars. Yet this is a very real reason why the Master's business seems poverty-stricken in our country, which should be afraid on account of its wealth.—*Spirit of Missions.*

SOUL TRANSFIGURATION.

In a certain village in Germany there lived an old blind organist who had formerly been a musician of promise, but he had become too feeble to play, and his organ had also fallen into disuse. All that he himself could get out of it were poor, wailing, discordant sounds, trembling and uncertain as the

touch of his aged hands. After a time people began to laugh at him and to regard his organ as a useless thing that no one who understood harmony would care to touch; it was not outwardly a thing of beauty; it was covered with dust, and its pipes and keys were yellow with age. But one day a stranger came to that village to give a recital upon the grand new organ in the public hall. It was the great master Sebastian Bach. Tremblingly, the old man sought him, despite the rebuffs of the crowd, and begged him to come and play one symphony upon his old instrument. He did so; and it is said that music of a more ravishing sweetness was drawn from that battered organ than had been produced on the new one or had ever previously proceeded from the old. It was like a resurrection—yea, a transfiguration. All those years that organ had been waiting for its master and had found him at last. A new spirit was breathed into it, as it were, a glorious and triumphant life. The people of that village still tell of the miracle wrought by Sebastian Bach on the old musician's ruined organ.

Oh, losers in the battle of life! Oh, soiled and desecrated temples of the Holy Ghost! have you indeed failed in spirit so that divine melody issues from your hearts no more? What criest thou, O soul?—

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weary heart. Behold the mighty
one who can inbreathe a new spirit
to your dead hopes and withered
aims. "Behold the Lamb of God,
which taketh away the sin of the
world."—*R. J. Campbell.*

WITHHOLDING THE BEST.

When Queen Victoria lived at Windsor Castle, she took pleasure in going through the streets of the village of Windsor, without letting the people know who she was.

One day, when the queen was passing through the village in this quiet way, a rainstorm came up, and she stepped into a cottage, and asked the woman who lived there for the loan of an umbrella.

The woman looked at the queen, who was very plainly dressed, and at last she said: "I have two umbrellas, one an old shabby one, and the other which is my Sunday umbrella. I shall give you the shabby one, for I never expect to see it again."

Queen Victoria quietly accepted the old umbrella, without telling the woman who she was, and went

on her way. The next day, however, a messenger from the royal castle brought back the shabby umbrella, and with it a handsome present of money.

The woman was greatly startled. "Oh, sir, who was it that borrowed my umbrella?" she asked of the royal messenger.

"It was your queen," was the answer.

"Oh!" exclaimed the woman, "my queen, my queen! Would that I had known you, for I would so gladly have given you my best!"

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Two or three years ago I happened to be for a few days in the coal fields of Pennsylvania. Beyond the ravine from the point where I was stopping I saw piled up debris of what must at one time have been a very productive mine. The dump heaps looked almost like the foothills of the mountains. But there were no signs of activity in connection with it. The tracks leading into its opening had been torn up and all machinery had been removed. I was told that a few years before several hundred men were employed in operating this mine. The great shaft had been sunk and the tunnels had been extended in every direction, and rich veins of coal had been opened and worked through many seasons, multiplied

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thousands of tons of coal had been taken out and shipped into the market, many thousands of dollars, year by year, had been paid out to the laborers in wages, and large profit had been reaped by the owners of the mine. But finally the veins had been worked out to the utmost limit. The deposits which at first seemed unlimited were exhausted, and a day came when it was evident that it would not be profitable any longer to operate the mine. Then the workmen were called off, the machinery was removed and sent elsewhere, the tracks were torn up, and the mine was left deserted and silent. It was an exhausted mine. At one time it was exceedingly rich, but the miner with pick and shovel had followed up its veins until nothing was left. Then it was abandoned because it had ceased to be productive.

Now what I am saying is that the Bible is not an exhausted mine. No mine has been worked so long or so persistently and earnestly as this. The seekers after truth, not simply for a few years or for a few centuries, have gone down into its depths. They have gone out along all the levels of its great deposits; they have sunk great shafts of inquiry and have wrought unceasingly in its veins of wisdom. But they have not come to any limits of its wealth.

THE UNSEEN SOUL.

It is said that while Dr. James Armstrong was preaching on the immortality of the soul, an atheistic physician rose and asked him if he had ever seen the soul. "No," replied Armstrong, "I have never seen a soul."

The physician continued, "Did you ever hear a soul?"

"No."

"Did you ever taste a soul?"

"No."

"Did you ever smell a soul?"

"No."

"Did you ever feel a soul?"

"Yes, thank God," replied the pious preacher.

"Well," said the physician, "there are four of the five senses against one that there is a soul."

Dr. Armstrong then asked, "Did you ever see a pain?"

The physician had to confess, "No."

"Did you ever hear a pain?"

"No."

"Did you ever taste a pain?"

"No."

"Did you ever smell a pain?"

"No."

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GOD AND COUNTRY

At last the great hour has come: when our nation has entered into the gigantic world conflict which is to decide whether righteousness and truth are to control the destinies of men, or injustice, arrogance and falsehood. While we have hoped and prayed that God might order that our United States might not be drawn into the bloody contest, we are glad that now that the issue is so clearly defined as essentially moral and spiritual we have been led to align ourselves with those who are pouring out their blood to maintain the highest principles of Christian civilization. For Christian civilization is that which embodies the spirit of Christ in human affairs and the spirit of Christ is the spirit of brotherhood, reciprocal helpfulness, tolerant freedom, and sincere justice for all classes of people. No civilization based upon mechanical efficiency, heartless force, and moral slavery can be a Christian civilization, whatever it may call itself.

What we see in this tremendous war is not the failure of Christianity as the highest ideal of human life, but the failure of a material conception of civilization whose god is an iron efficiency without heart, or faith, or conscience. The failure has begun to unfold before the eyes of the world, and it will go on until

it is complete because it is the judgment of our God and His Christ upon sin and iniquitous selfishness. Satan lays his plans with great subtlety and malicious skill, but when God arises to judgment He scatters Satan's purposes and brings them to nothing.

Our nation has now been added to the forces which God is employing in working out His judgment upon those who in Satan's spirit are fighting to destroy Christ's kingdom in the world and for it substitute the rule of tyranny, force, selfish ambition, social inequality, and national enmity. And we are glad that this great land, in entering upon the war, so clearly shows the spirit of allegiance to God and His kingdom. It has won for us the respect and admiration of the world and has given us an ideal place in the struggle, the place of a nation which in a grand spirit of self-sacrificing devotion takes a hand in assuring to mankind the victory of all that is best and holiest in history against the worst. Our part in the conflict is not for ourselves, but for humanity. We are enlisting to lose our lives that we may win life and salvation for others. God, and our country, as God's brave and faithful servant, is our battle cry. Our President splendidly sounded it in his solemn and exalted proclamation, and the great heart of the peo-

ple has responded to it with deep enthusiasm. We are all one in the enterprise which we have accepted in obedience to the faith which we have in God and in a Christian civilization as the realization of Christ's salvation of humanity from the tyranny of evil powers. And now that our country has taken this great resolution and begun this great enterprise in God's name it is the part of all Christian people to pray and labor for the triumph of our armies and navies.

We may not be able to lay our hands immediately to any great service for our country. But we can remember always that the country is simply all the people of the land bound together in a common life. No man lives to himself, or dies to himself. It is to and for all his fellow countrymen that he lives or dies. All that goes to make up our personal lives has an influence for those who surround us. By doing the humblest duties honestly and sincerely and unselfishly we are contributing something to the best life of our country. What the emergency asks of us is loyalty to the country's purpose, and cheerful obedience to the best type of civil and social manhood and womanhood, as a direct service of God. We must have the dominant desire for the highest welfare of humanity which goes out in prayer, spontaneous, sincere prayer for wisdom,

courage, and power in those who govern and those who cheerfully submit to be governed. We must have enthusiasm in making sacrifices and bearing burdens to supply the nation with the means of doing well its great part in the struggle.

Loyalty, earnest prayer, cheerful cooperation are the service which we owe now to God and our country. By putting this spirit into the least significant actions and labors of daily life we can all be of use, and do things that will be of real value. No one must think of himself or herself as having no living relation to the nation's life. We must all feel that God's cause and the nation's cause are our personal cause, and be intensely and really interested in it. We must rejoice in self-denials, in economies, in wise guarding against waste and extravagance, in careful preservation of all the means of life for the greatest number of people. The nation may see a day in the struggle when it must ask great and serious sacrifices from all the people. In that day may God give us grace not to complain and groan and seek a way of escape from the bearing of burdens. May Christ so live in us that we will account it a great joy to suffer with him the pains which may be necessary in order to win the great splendid victory. For God and our country may we live and, if need be, die.

PRAYERS FOR WAR TIME.

Almighty God, who fashionest the hearts of men and considerest all their works, grant, we beseech Thee, to us and to all the people of this land, the spirit of obedience to Thy commandments, that walking humbly in Thy fear, we may under Thy mighty protection, possess our liberties in righteousness and peace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God Almighty, guide, we pray Thee, all those to whom Thou hast committed the government of this nation, and grant at this time special gifts of wisdom and understanding, or counsel and strength; that upholding what is right and following what is true, they may obey Thy holy will and fulfil Thy divine purpose: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Jesus, Thou pattern of true manhood, grant to us, Thy brethren, that we may throughout this time of trial keep Thy great example before us and in a spirit of self-sacrifice give ourselves to the service of our country with a devotion such as inspired Thee to lay down Thy life for the eternal welfare of the world. Amen.

(Authorized by Bishop Lawrence.)

OBITUARY.

We extend our deepest sympathy to our friend and faithful member, Mrs. Holgate, in the loss of her dear husband, Mr. George Holgate, who passed away on Saturday morning, April 7. He had been ill for the last few months, and gently fell asleep at the last. He lived a long and very active life, and was a devoted husband and faithful friend. His disposition was bright, cheerful, and hopeful, and this carried him bravely through his trials and labors. He will be sorely missed by his bereaved wife, for she was always the object of his solicitous love and care. May God comfort her with His grace and with the assurance that the departed one is resting in Him and that some day she will see him again and be happy in his company. Death is not separation for those who love one another. It is a revelation of new ties binding them together in a life that never dies, and that some day will be unfolded in all its richness of joy and comfort when both have been gathered home to God. Love is the one thing which survives death, for God is love.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MAY.

First Sunday—Miss Caroline B. Davis. Mrs. Caroline B. Davis, mother.

Second Sunday—Miss Clara E. Riley. Mrs. Eleanor J. Riley, mother.

Third Sunday—Miss Agnes Hillman. Mrs. Benjamin Hillman, mother.

EASTER SERVICES.

While Easter did not bring ideal spring weather, at any rate it did not dawn in the midst of a heavy storm. Our people were able to come out in fairly good numbers to enjoy the day and its services. At the early Holy Communion there were about sixty communicants and at the later Holy Communion about one hundred, among them the persons confirmed on the Wednesday previous. The morning service was very enjoyable, the music being very bright and inspiring, the service being heartily rendered by the congregation, and the offering being most generous. The chancel was beautifully decorated with flowers, for which we owe our thanks to the hard and faithful work of two members of the Altar Guild, well known to us all, but who always prefer that their names be not mentioned.

In the evening of Easter Day the service consisted of the Easter Festival of the Sunday School when the school, led by the choir, sang their Easter hymns, and the Primary Department sang some songs and recited some Scripture verses on the life of Christ.

We were glad to see so goodly a number of older persons present and to hear so many express their enjoyment of the service. Especially were the songs and recitations of the younger scholars commented on with much favor. Miss Parke and her faithful assistants deserve great credit for the success which they show in their teaching of these little ones.

Altogether it was a very happy and helpful Easter, and we hope the impression of it will long remain with young and old alike who kept a part of it, at any rate, in the worship and service of God. If it may only have helped us to feel a little nearer to Christ our risen Lord, and to yield ourselves somewhat more completely to the newness of his life in us, it will certainly have brought to us a great benefit and a rich blessing. For we cannot get nearer to Christ without feeling better desires stirring in us to be more like Him in thought, feeling, and purpose. Christ living in us every day is the real message of Christ's resurrection, and Christ

will live in us if we will get near to Him where His spirit can warm us by its love.

EASTER OFFERINGS.

We have much satisfaction in announcing to our people that the amount of the Easter offering is \$1,836, of which \$1,400 is designated for support of the Church and the remainder for several parish societies and guilds, and for missionary purposes. It is certainly a fine evidence of the devotion of our people to the work of the Church in our parish and abroad. The older friends of Grace Church were most generous in their remembrance of us, and all the others did their best heartily. We thank our Lord God our heavenly Father for putting it into the hearts of His children to give so willingly their means to keep up His work in our Church.

The Lenten offering of the Sunday School, which was presented in the evening of Easter Day, amounted in all to a little over \$100. This we consider a very generous offering to missions for our school to make. While it is not a very large school it is a very faithful and willing body of young people and always responds to the full extent of its ability to every appeal which the Rector makes.

EASTER ELECTION.

At the parish election on Easter Monday, the Vestry of last year was reelected, and the names of the members will be found on the directory page of this issue of THE RECORD.

On the following day the meeting of the newly-elected Vestry for organization was held, and Mr. William Waterall was appointed Rector's Warden, Mr. John G. Hooven was elected Accounting Warden, and Mr. Fred L. Pitts was elected Secretary. The former Committees on Music and Pews were appointed for the year, and three Deputies to the Diocesan Convention, which meets May 8, were elected. They are Messrs. Waterall, Hooven and Magee.

The Vestry were greatly pleased to hear the encouraging report of the large Easter offering, and were greatly impressed by the generous support given to the Church by its faithful members. They are very grateful to the congregation for making the work of carrying on the Church business so light and satisfactory.

GRACE CIRCLE OF KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The Grace Circle of King's Daughters has passed this year the

thirtieth milestone since its founding. It has the same president as at the start, and most of the officers and several of the members have been connected with it during its whole existence. This makes it somewhat unique in the history of societies or clubs. As the secretary has often said before there are no signal accomplishments to record for the past year. The work has been done as usual along the line of quiet helping of those who are in need or suffering, with food, coal, clothing and specially needed comforts in illness which would be beyond the means of those who wanted them. In the autumn we received the usual donation of garments from the "Needlework Guild," to which some of our members also belong. These new pieces of clothing we were glad to distribute to many poor persons to whom they gave much comfort. We have done our best to brighten the lives of those to whom we have ministered, and we have welcomed every appeal as far as good judgment approved, and have responded as our means would allow. We are thankful to those friends of Grace Church who remembered us at Easter with their kindly gifts, and hope by their help to do some real good during the time of anxiety and fear which the entrance of our country into the war has brought to us. And we pray for wisdom to do rightly all

that we can for even the very least of Christ's brethren.

LILLIE L. HAESLER,
Secretary.

Appended to the Secretary's report above is the statement of the Treasurer, Mrs. Robinson, showing contributions during 1916 of \$160.81, and donations by the Circle for charities and needy cases of \$155.55, with a balance of \$45.26 in bank.

The President of the Circle is Miss Juliet K. Hood, the Acting President, Mrs. William B. Stewart, who is also Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Haeseler, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Anthony W. Robinson. The Vice-President is Miss Broadbent. The Circle holds monthly meetings at different places on call of the Secretary.

JUNIOR BOYS' CLUB.

By defeating the strong St. Stephen's five on our floor, Tuesday, March 27, we completed our most successful season since the organization of the Club. With the excellent record of eleven games won and but one lost, we have now laid aside our work until next October, when we hope to be joined by an even greater number of members of the Sunday School in order to try to make next season even

more successful. We take this opportunity to thank our friends, supporters, and members for their hearty coöperation, and especially to thank our good friend, Rev. Mr. Doberstine, for the able way he took hold of the direction of the Club in the short time he has been with us. With such direction, prospects look bright for the future.

CARL G. WONNBERGER,
Secretary.

"THE SOCIAL EVENING."

"The Social Evening," given by the Men's Club on Thursday evening, April 19, was a very happy and delightful event. The weather was favorable so that a large number of our people were present, and they all showed that they were having a good time. The informality and homelikeness which marked the occasion added greatly to its enjoyment. The room was decorated profusely with the national flag, and each guest wore a small flag presented by the Club. There was some fine music, both instrumental and vocal, for which we are greatly indebted to the ladies and gentlemen who furnished it. The coffee was fragrant and good, and the cake was especially nice. One of the features of the evening was a recitation by our venerable friend and Warden, Mr. William

Waterall, of Abraham Lincoln's favorite poem, "Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?" It was well received and much enjoyed and heartily applauded. Our thanks are due to the Men's Club for providing for the parish so pleasant an evening with its opportunity for sociability and mutual enjoyment.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

The Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will meet on Tuesday, May 8, in the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Thirteenth street below Spruce. The Convention will open with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 o'clock, at which the Bishop will make an address. Immediately afterwards the Convention will hold a business session, and after lunch another session till 6 o'clock. The Convention will hold over for two days. The deputies from Grace Church are Messrs. William Waterall, John G. Hooven and David Magee.

The body of the Church is reserved for the clergy and lay deputies, but the galleries are open to the public at all sessions, and all who care to attend are welcome. Sometimes the sessions are interesting and again are decidedly dull, but it is a good thing for the people of the Churches to attend some of the time and observe how the dio-

case is governed by those who are delegated to make its laws and arrange its finances.

LENTEN SEWING.

Now that the sewing meetings are over we can express our great gratification at the successful way in which they have this year been conducted. The attendance kept up remarkably through the six weeks, and the spirit which animated the workers was most bright and earnest. The amount of work done was far greater than ever before, and the women showed much self-sacrifice of time and labor to complete it. The Woman's Guild, the Daughters of the King, the Woman's Auxiliary, and the Altar Guild, which united in the work, were all well represented, and it was a great benefit for them all to be joined in this common work of Christian love and helpfulness. The Homes for which they worked, and also the hospital will surely appreciate the large supplies provided for them, and the sewing which was done for them. And we are sure that the heavenly Master looked on with approval to see these devoted women in His name doing what they could for His little ones in their need. For all such services are precious in His sight.

MUSICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Although it is rather late to refer to matters which occurred before the issue of the last number of THE RECORD, we cannot pass without mention the two fine musical services which our choirmaster and choir gave in our Church in the last two weeks of Lent. One was "The Message of the Cross," by MacFarlane, given on Wednesday, March 28, and the other, "The Crucifixion," by Sir John Stainer, given on Good Friday evening. The latter familiar and beautiful composition was rendered in a fine manner which brought out well the devotional spirit of the music. The MacFarlane composition is a wonderful piece of musical art which holds the mind to a deep sympathy with the sacred theme, and stirs the heart by its sincere expression of religious feeling. It was accompanied on the organ by Mr. Sykes, and was sung in a fine, inspiring way by the choir. Many who heard it thought it was the very best service that has been sung in our Church. We thank the choirmaster and choir for their faithful and excellent work.

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—*The Christian Observer.*

THE CHILD IN THE GARDEN.

When to the garden of untroubled thought,
I came of late, and saw the open door,
And wished again to enter, and explore
The sweet, wild ways with staid ss bloom inwrought,
And bowers of innocence with beauty fraught,

It seemed some purer voice must speak before
I dared to tread that garden loved of yore,
That Eden lost unknown and found unsought.

Then just within the gate I saw a child,—

A stranger-child, yet to my heart most dear,—
Who held his hands to me, and softly smiled

With eyes that knew no shade of sin or fear:
"Come in," he said, "and play a while with me;
I am the little child you used to be."

—HENRY VAN DYKE.


"GOD IS LIGHT."

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THE OTHER SIDE.

Do you say a life is a wretched tangle,
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Yonder 'neath the shadow of that illness
Do you see the flowers of patience grow?
There's a lake near by of sacred stillness,

Where the white sails silent come and go.

Down the rugged hillside, near that sorrow,

Where you fainted with the maddening loss;

Can you see the dawn of a to-morrow

Brighter far because you bore that cross?

In the ingle where you waited lonely,

While the years went on with mocking tread,

There you learned to seek his presence only

Who transformed the gloom with light o'erhead.

In the desert parched where you sat pining

For still waters, or the ocean wide;

Lo, a fountain in the sun is shining;
Drinking there the soul is satisfied.

Oh, I know the way was often weary,

In your cup were sorrows multiplied;

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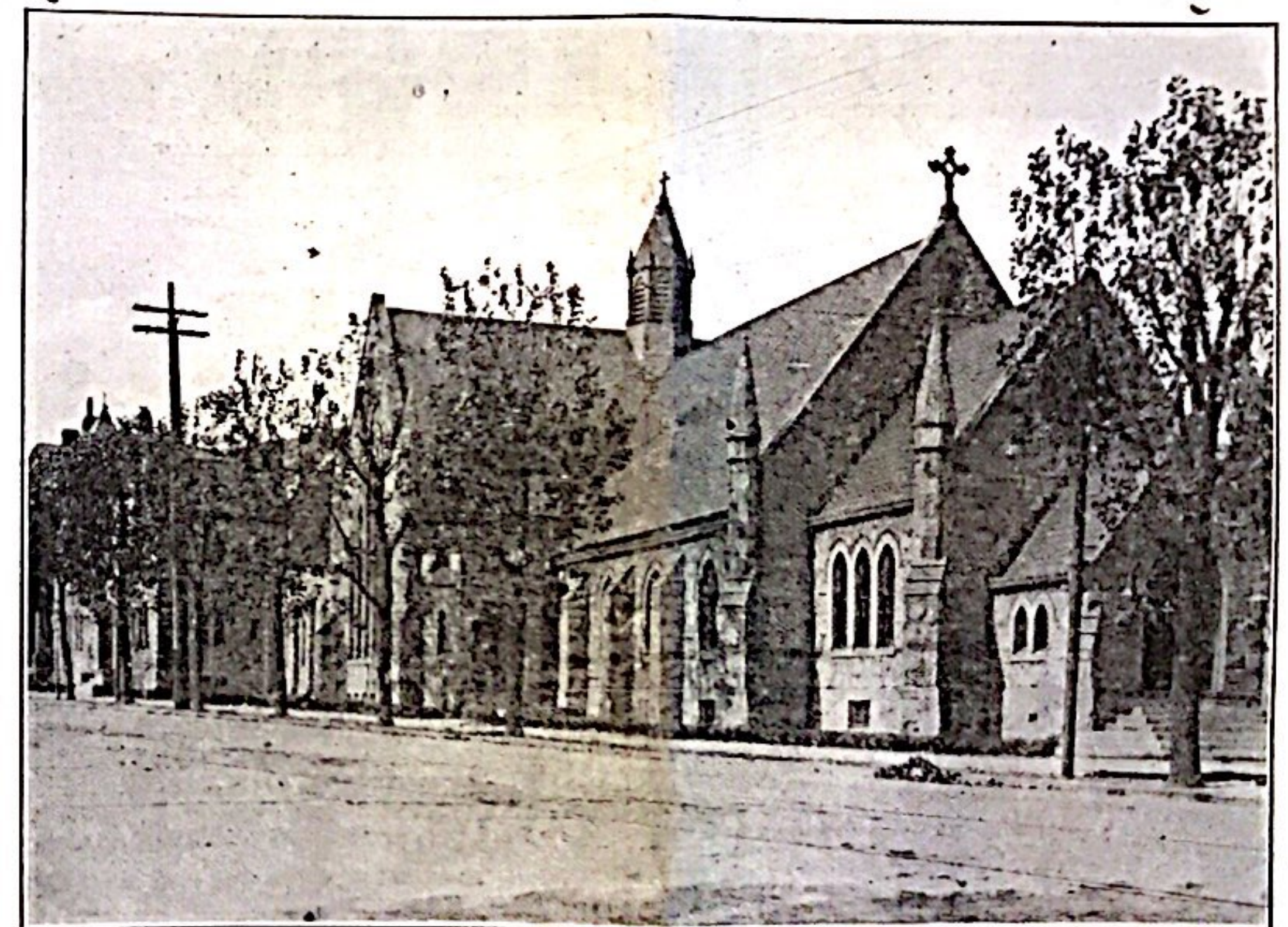
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VALEDICTORY.

With this number we complete the fourth year of the publication of Grace Church RECORD. In bidding our readers farewell for the summer we sincerely hope that the paper has been useful and interesting to them. We have tried to make it a means of keeping up their interest in the practical work of the parish by giving them full information of what the guilds and societies are doing, and by furnishing such other news as might be acceptable. We have no way of knowing how much store our readers have set by the paper, for like most of the daily benefits in our lives its regular appearance is probably taken as a matter of course which, if once stopped, would immediately call out a sense of loss. We feel sure that most of our readers would be very sorry to have THE RECORD suspended. We owe a great debt to the Men's Club for their faithful and diligent work in meeting the expense of the publication which we feel to be a very great service for Grace Church. This service by itself justifies the existence of the Men's Club and gives it a valuable place among our parish societies. When our friends read this number of THE RECORD we beg them to give a grateful thought to the Men's Club.

THE GOOD IN WAR.

By REV. DR. GEORGE HODGES, in
The Churchman.

War makes a difference in the common standard of value. It distinguishes sharply between that which is material and temporal and that which is eternal. With all its hideous brutality, with its emphasis on the baser passions, tempting men to enrich themselves by means of pain of their brethren, nevertheless, it reveals among us an unsuspected prevalence of faith in the things which are above.

The men who go into the war leave their business, which had seemed to them the most important thing in life. They give up the pursuit of gain, which had been the goal of their efforts. The current of their ambition is suddenly turned into a new channel; they have not only new occupations but new motives. With the abandonment of the comforts of life, and of the ordinary aims of life, they are prepared to give up life itself. And this, with no expectation of reward. To the habitual question of commercial prudence, "What is there in this for me?" the answer which they make to their souls is that there is nothing in it of material advantage to them. All that they expect, all that they desire, is the satisfaction which comes to those who do their duty, and the joy

which is the reward of those who have their part in the winning of a good fight. And these are things which are above.

Under the easy conditions of a long peace, such a situation may seem incredible. We may think ill of human nature. We may be of the opinion that man is invincibly selfish, and cares only for the comforts and conveniences of life, and has forgotten the ideals of his youth and prefers gain to godliness, and is incapable of self-sacrifice. We may say to the social reformer, "You can't get men to give their money, or their time, or even the use of their influential names, to any attack upon the devil, because it would interfere with their business. It would interfere with their sacred business."

Then war comes, and the doctrine that human nature is invincibly selfish is disproved by the argument of innumerable lives. Under the revealing conditions of this demand, unexpected heroism, devotion, nobility, patriotism, self-sacrifice, and religion appear. Men are better than we thought. We ourselves are not so selfish, not so committed to the things of life, as we had feared. Even death takes on a new significance when it comes not in ignominious surrender to disease, but as a splendid offering of all that we have and are for the triumph of the righteous cause. "Gladly I lived,

and gladly I die, and I lay me down with a will."

The black storm of war overtakes us, and we count up our losses. They are bitter losses. A great war touches every family in the nation. There is no shelter from it. We perceive, however, that a large part of the loss in war consists in the destruction of material things. And we perceive, further, that most of these things are such as we can do without. We learn again the spiritual philosophy of Habakkuk, in whose time Chaldeans came sweeping over the fair land, before whom it was the Garden of Eden; and after them, a desolate wilderness. Habakkuk cried to God for light, and in his soul he heard God say, "The just shall live by their faith."

Not by their prosperity, nor by their immunity, not by the abundance of the things which they possess, not by their peace, but by their faithfulness, by their unfailing allegiance to their ideals, by their consciousness of the approval of God. We learn again the spiritual philosophy of St. Paul, who accounted all the material things of life as of no value in comparison with the love of Christ, who for our sakes became poor. Christ became poor, not reluctantly nor regretfully, but with a great gladness, as one who enters into a splendid independence, unhampered, free, who sees life clear of all illusion,

and puts first things first. "If ye then be risen with Christ," if ye then be followers of Christ, "seek those things which are above." Seek those abiding things on which the destructive hand of war cannot be laid. Though heaven and earth pass away, these eternal things remain.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The Woman's Guild will hold its annual strawberry festival on Thursday evening, June 7, in the Parish House. The tickets will be at the price of 25 cents, and can be obtained from Mrs. Hooven, chairman of the committee. The net proceeds of the festival will be donated to Red Cross work, and therefore those who buy the tickets will have the assurance that they are doing something in this time of war-like necessity for those who are spending their strength and life for their country. May we look at it in this way, and make a sacrifice if necessary to come and bring families and friends. The festival will mark the close of the year of active work in our parish for the summer season, and will give an opportunity for our people to get together in friendly, social fellowship. There will be some good music during the evening, and the strawberries and cream will be abundant. Come, one

and all, and get the cheer and pleasure of sincere good fellowship and friendly conversation.

SUMMER SERVICES.

During July, August and September there will be morning service only in Grace Church at 10.45 o'clock. The early Holy Communion on the third Sunday in the month will be omitted in those months, but the Holy Communion will be held as usual on the first Sundays after morning service. The Sunday School will close on the last Sunday in June and reopen on the third Sunday in September. The Rector will be away during July and August, and the Assistant, Rev. Mr. Doberstine, will have charge of the services and the parochial work. All calls for service may be sent to him at the Parish House, or to his residence, 4208 Girard Avenue. All such calls will be promptly and cheerfully responded to, and we hope all our people will not hesitate to avail themselves of this pastoral service. Let us not forget our Church during the summer days, but let us at least every day say a prayer for God's blessing on our life and work in the Church that we may be a power for good in the city that men may see the sincerity of our religion and be drawn by it to God.

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FOR JULY.

First Sunday—Miss Alice Gray Turner. Mrs. Keturah Turner Macan, mother.

Second Sunday—Mrs. William Waterall. Emily Lipman, aunt.

Fourth Sunday—Miss L. Minerva Cox. Mr. Randall M. Cox, father.

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Fourth Sunday—Mrs. David Magee. Mrs. William Liming, mother.

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Fourth Sunday—Mrs. J. F. Neill. William Harvey and Mary E. Money, parents.

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Second Sunday—Miss Agnes Hillman. Remer C. Hillman, brother.

Third Sunday—The Rector. Mrs. Mary Willetts Harris, wife.

Fourth Sunday—Miss Clara E. Riley. Mr. Leonard J. Riley, father.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSIONS.

The Primary Department will have its summer outing on Saturday afternoon, June 16, in Fairmount Park. The little ones will be taken to the grounds in coaches, leaving the Parish House at 1.30 o'clock. Under the care of Miss Parke and her faithful corps of teachers there will be happy games and sports, nice refreshments and a good time for romping on the grass. The Main School will also take its outing this year in the Park. As an example of economy and self-denial the Rector and teachers agreed it would be best this year not to go on an extended excursion. The school will meet on Saturday, June 23, at 9 o'clock in the morning at the Forty-fourth Street Station of the Park trolley line. Two cars have been chartered to give the school a ride all around the line past all the points of interest. The children and teachers will leave the cars

at Belmont Mansion, where ground will be reserved for the use of the school. There luncheon will be eaten, and ice cream will be served free to all members of the school, for whom tickets will be provided. The afternoon will be passed in such games and sports as the Games Committee will arrange. Rev. Mr. Doberstine is chairman of this committee and will be glad to receive any suggestions as to diversions and games.

Our good friend, Mr. Gray, has helped most effectively in arranging for the permits and for transportation. We hope that many of the parents and friends of the children will be able to come out in the afternoon and enjoy seeing the happiness of the young people. In this way the outing can be made a general parish gathering of young and old.

OUR BOYS.

As far as we have learned three of the boys of our parish have enlisted in the service of their country. They are J. Francis Neill, the secretary of our Sunday School, in the cavalry; Charles G. Müller, of the Young Men's Bible Class, in the Quartermaster's Department, and Spencer L. Marsh, also from the Bible Class. We are proud of these

sturdy young men who have come forward to do their bit in the hour of our nation's need. We ask all our people to remember them in their thoughts and especially in their daily prayers that God will keep them brave, loyal and faithful in all that may be required of them, that He will preserve them from all the temptations of the camp and the field, and will save their lives in the dangers which they may encounter, and bring them home to their families again when their service in the army is ended. Many of us can do them no other service than this, to pray for them, but that is one of the greatest things that we can do, for many a time without our knowing it God will be protecting our brave boys in answer to our prayers. Let us pray then without ceasing, in the name of Jesus.

PARISH BAZAAR.

It is a long way ahead to the fall season and its work. But preparedness requires a long look ahead. We therefore look forward to the bazaar in the fall as one of the things which can only successfully be accomplished, as we prepare for it during the summer. The value of the bazaar for our Church is the uniting of the hearts of our people in one generous coöperation for the prosperity and welfare of our par-

ish. More than any financial result is the social effect of binding our people together by the living bond of Christian sympathy in an unselfish devotion to our Church. A letter will soon be mailed to all our families asking that our women, young and old, will work during the summer in making fancy articles for the tables of the bazaar. Last year the response was most generous, and the tables were abundantly stocked with articles which had a profitable sale. We are sure that this year we can rely upon our faithful friends to think of the Church and work for it in the same generous spirit. May we all read the letter when it comes and pray God to help us do our best for our Church.

REV. MR. SPALDING.

We were most pleasantly surprised on Sunday, May 20, by a visit at Grace Church from the Rev. Charles L. Spalding, who was the minister at Grace Chapel some eighteen years ago. He had just arrived from his home at Coronado Beach, Southern California, for a month's visit in the East, and having one Sunday in Philadelphia gave the morning to coming to see us. We were sorry that it was too late to ask him to preach, but we had the pleasure of hearing his voice in the service. At the close

his many warm friends had the opportunity to greet him and tender their fellowship. Though Mr. Spalding has been away so many years he has a warm place in the affections of those who were at the Chapel in his time. His kindliness and gentleness won all who knew him, and we often hear him spoken of with the warmest feeling by our Church people. He looks quite well and strong, and his seventeen years of work at Coronado have evidently been years of improved health, and progressive usefulness and happiness. May God continue to bless him and his family.

THE VOLUNTEER CANVASS.

In response to the appeal from the Y. M. C. A. for volunteers to distribute the literature and envelopes for contributions to the defraying of the cost of Christian work in the camps of enlisted men of the United States Army, eighteen of the men and women of our Church offered their services. They went two by two over the sections assigned to them, cheerfully giving their time and strength. The results were not always encouraging, but in general there was a good response, and the amounts collected were quite worth while. Some annoying and some very amusing, and still other very gratifying experiences were encountered, but on the

whole our people enjoyed the new view of life which the work gave them. We were most happy to see so large a number of the members of our parish willing to accept so unselfishly a task from which the most of us prefer to be excused. It made us feel that deep down in the hearts of Grace Church men and women there is a rich store of earnest faithfulness and generous sacrifice which proves the living presence and power of Christ. We are thankful to God for this manifestation of His spirit, and thankful to those who did the good work.

NOTES.

We hope our people will not forget the blue envelopes for missions during the summer. Times are hard and living is high, but God still rules the world, and still asks us to be faithful to Him, and promises us that He will not fail us nor forsake us. Let us not be afraid to pinch ourselves a little to give something to help the missionary work of Christ. The widow of Zarephlah, in giving food to Elijah, God's prophet, did not lose anything, for God saw that she had enough for all her wants.

On Sunday, May 13, Ruth Pearl Rennie, the infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Rennie, of Easton, Pa., was baptized in Grace Church

by the Rector. The god-parents were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rennie, the father and mother of Dr. Rennie, who are faithful members of our Church. May the dear child grow up in favor with God and man, and be a great blessing and comfort to her parents.

Steps are being taken to organize a working unit for Red Cross work in our Church to enable such of our women and girls as are willing to busy themselves during the summer in making supplies for the surgical needs of our country's army. This is a most practical way for patriotic women to give great assistance to the brave men who are to take the terrible risk of wounds and loss of limbs for the defense of our honor and safety. When our parish unit is organized we are sure that all the women of the Church will be happy to get in touch with it and do their best to make it successful.

CLERGY RESERVE CORPS.

As we think our people will be interested to know what the clergy of our Church are doing in response to our country's call for service we reprint here the following official bulletin, which is signed by a large and influential committee and officially approved by Bishop Rhinelander.

CLERGY RESERVE CORPS
DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA
Bulletin No. 2.

MAY 18, 1917.

We issued on April 21 a circular letter to all inquiring concerning the conditions for obtaining Chaplaincies in Army and Navy.

On this score we may give the following facts: Two of the local regiments, N. G., have as Chaplains clergymen formerly members of this diocese, the Rev. R. F. McFetridge (2d Pa. Artillery) and the Rev. C. W. B. Hill (3d Pa. Infantry). The Rev. Dr. Jeffreys has been appointed Chaplain of the Base Hospital equipped by the Pennsylvania Hospital, and is now presumably *en route* to the French front. The Rev. John M. Groton has been appointed Chaplain of the Base Hospital of the Episcopal Hospital, which is now ready for duty. The Rev. R. J. Murray, of Hatboro, has left for the front in company with Bishop Israel, of Erie, to enter the English Chaplaincy Service. The Chaplain of the Navy Yard is the Rev. Curtis H. Dickens, a clergyman of the Church, and there are also two Church Chaplains on board the ships there, the Rev. R. Gould, U. S. S. Iowa, and the Rev. W. P. Williams, U. S. S. Kansas. The Revs. Dr. Mockridge and E. S. Lane have been appointed Volunteer Chaplains at the Officers' Training Camp, Fort Niagara.

Mr. Richard Gurley, candidate for Holy Orders, and of the Divinity School, is also enrolled in the Pennsylvania Hospital Unit, and a number of the Divinity School students have volunteered for army enlistment or for Red Cross or Y. M. C. A. work in the Army and Navy.

We commend these men in their duties and dangers to your prayers and assistance.

We call your attention to two specific works which your committee feels bound to assume as your representatives.

First—The Work for the Sailors and Marines in the Navy Yard.

These men number some 10,000. We have made plans to provide Chaplain Dickins with a staff of at least four young men, who will render to him assistance of the character carried on by the Y. M. C. A. Hitherto no adequate provision has been made for this work. The parishes of St. Peter's and St. James' have contributed \$1,000 for equipping this undertaking. Of this sum about \$500 has been applied to the purchase of a tent in which to hold religious services, and which can be used by any one authorized to hold such services; and further, it can be used for the recreation and entertainment of the men. The balance of this sum will be required for flooring, benches, stereopticon and moving picture lanterns and slides.

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Second—The Work at the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Niagara.

Thanks to the prompt initiative of Bishop Rhinelander and the Revs. Dr. Mockridge and E. S. Lane, the two latter gentlemen went to Fort Niagara last week in company with the men who had been summoned thither for training, almost all of whom come from Philadelphia and the southern half of the State. They offered themselves as Volunteer Chaplains and were warmly welcomed and their services at once accepted. Their work demands the strongest backing, as it is to serve a splendid lot of picked men.

One salary will have to be met, that of Mr. Lane, so as to relieve his church at home. There is immediate need of an equipment for holding services, for lanterns, newspapers, books, stationery, etc. Here we shall have the assistance of the local parish and the Chaplains expect to work in close coöperation with the Y. M. C. A. But the Church must still be responsible for a considerable part of the work.

CHAPLAINCY EQUIPMENT.

Your committee should also be in a position to provide outfits for regimental Chaplains. One specific request of this kind has come to us from the Rev. R. F. McFetridge, of the Second Regiment, Pennsylvania Artillery. The Bishop of Massachusetts, who has initiated this kind of undertaking in his State, indicates that such an outfit should cost about \$1,400, including motor truck (\$700). Our contribution to this cause will depend upon your generosity. We note that four Boston parishes have thus equipped six regiments.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

We shall provide subscriptions so far as possible for the current newspapers and magazines, at the Navy Yard and Fort Niagara. But this feature can be most serviceably amplified by the donation of magazines and books. The former will be especially useful in the receiving ships at the Navy Yard and both at Fort Niagara. They may be sent to Chaplain Dickins at the Navy Yard or to the Rev. Dr. Mockridge, Headquarters, Fort Niagara, N. Y. Or the reading matter can be sent to this committee at the Church House or forwarded through the Church Periodical Club. All literature should be masculine. Also the loan of slides, films and phonographs to the Navy Yard will be most acceptable.

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The committee will feel authorized to make further solicitation of particular parishes and individuals. But we trust that a general response to our needs as here presented will relieve us of throwing the burden upon a few. We ask you to present this cause in such a way as you think best to your people. We recommend, as examples, the contribution of \$50 from the Sunday School of Gloria Dei (most of which has been used for providing an organ for the Rev. H. S. Paynter in his volunteer capacity as Chaplain at the Frankford Arsenal) and of \$25 from Trinity Mission, Gulph Mills.

Our expected budget for the four summer months with the present demands are as follows:

Navy Yard (including four salaries)	\$1,500-\$2,000
Fort Niagara (including one clerical salary, estimated by Dr. Mockridge) ..	2,000
One Chaplain's equipment)	1,400
	<hr/> \$4,900-\$5,400

It is our intention ultimately to submit our financial statement as a part of the Diocesan Mission's Report.

THE SPIRITUAL OBLIGATION OF THE DIOCESE.

Finally, the Bishop has put into

our hands the supreme duty of keeping before the Churches of the diocese with their clergy and laity their responsibility of prayer and intercession for the nation at large in its crisis, for our men, our own brothers and sons, who are in the dangers of camp life and of war, for those at home in their dread apprehensions of the future. Spiritual preparedness now will help us bear the shock of war when it comes. If we cannot realize the horror in advance, we dare not close our eyes to its coming.

Accordingly we publish with warmest recommendation the Bishop's advice that our Churches be thrown open through the day for prayer, with provision, if possible, for brief Services of Intercession at noon. Also the names of the enlisted men in the parish be announced to the congregation and be kept before them for prayerful remembrance. Further, the parochial clergy should keep track of their men who enlist in government service, providing them with letters to the Chaplains, and informing the latter of them. This solicitude will be especially valuable in the case of the men at Fort Niagara.

We recommend to the women of the Church the work of the Red Cross, and particularly that of the Episcopal Hospital Unit.

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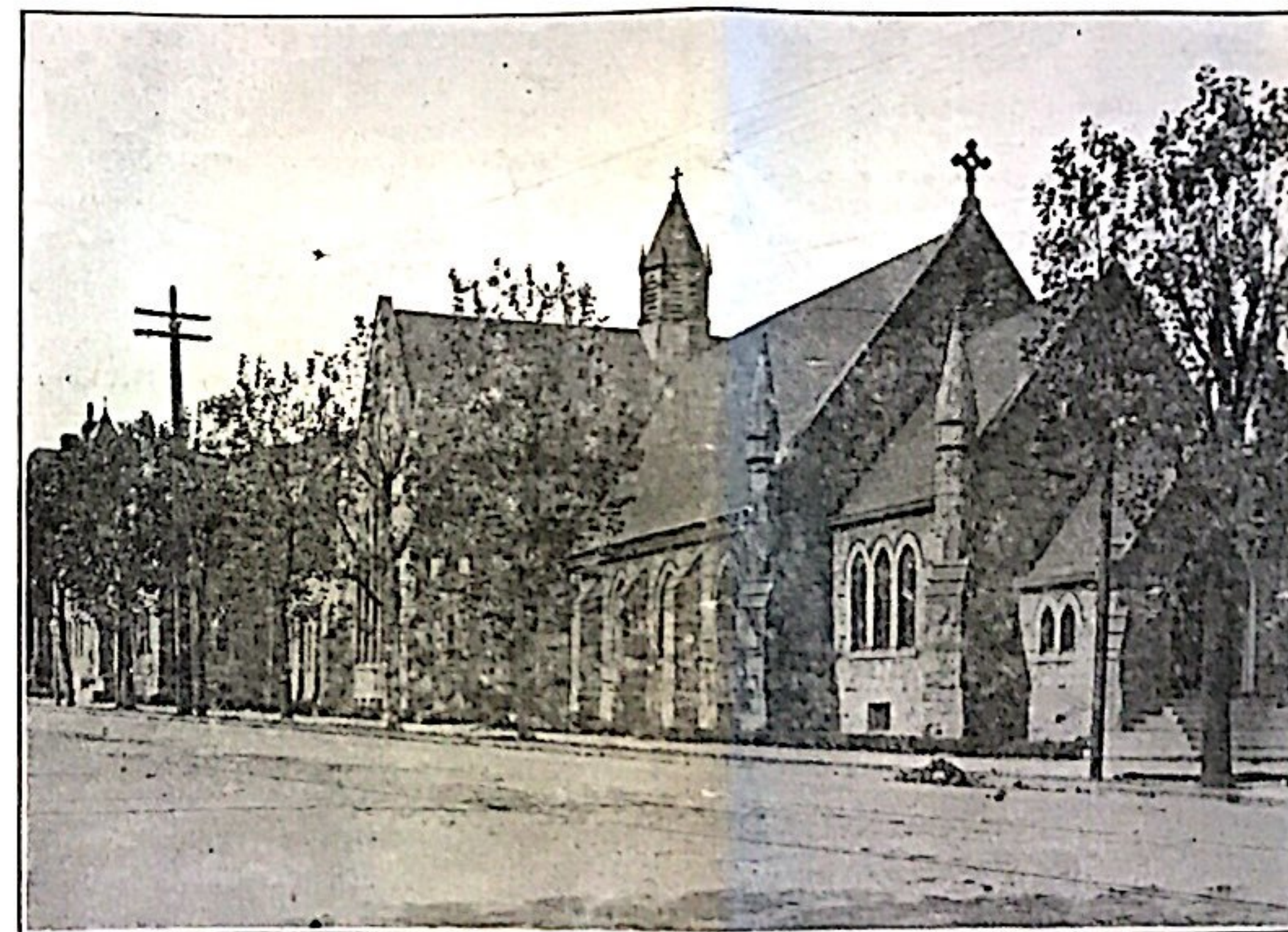
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OPENING WORD.

This number of THE RECORD will appear one week late on account of the illness of the editor, but we hope that it will be no less interesting to those who are concerned for the work of our Church. The Men's Club have decided to arrange to meet the expense of publication for the coming season, and it is a useful service for the Church and Parish. In this time of confusion and alarm in the affairs of the world, we need to draw together closely and unite our hearts and join our hands for the carrying on of every Christian work here at home. Whatever the difficulties may be, they will all yield before the united forces of Christian faith and self-sacrifice. God's power will link itself up with our small human forces and His Spirit will give victory. Loyalty to God, to His Church, and to one another, is what we need. No divided devotion, no half-hearted service can produce results in anything. God grant us loyal and faithful hearts.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Thanksgiving Day service will be held in the Church at 10.30 o'clock, consisting of morning prayer, ante-communion and sermon. The offering will be as usual for the Episcopal Hospital, which is supported by our Diocese. The hospital does a great work of help and healing for the poor of the city, and does not receive the financial assistance from the State which many other hospitals receive. Its needs therefore are great and appeal to the people

of our Church for their generous encouragement through the Thanksgiving offering. Unfortunately the contributions for some years have been decreasing, and a large number of beds have had to be closed. It is not very creditable to the Diocese. But if the people of the Churches would rise to the occasion to take their share in this great work of Christian charity and compassion for the sick the conditions would soon change and the hospital reach again its full efficiency.

THE BAZAAR.

The Rector has appointed, as the Bazaar Committee for this year, Mrs. Hooven, chairman; Mrs. Emery, Mrs. McFerren, Mrs. Day and Mrs. Dittrich. It has been decided to hold the bazaar on Thursday evening, December 6. There will be a supper as usual, and the bazaar will be held in the Assembly Room upstairs in the Parish House. The tickets to the supper will cost fifty cents and can be obtained from Mrs. Hooven. All members of the parish are earnestly requested to make and donate such articles as will be useful for the fancy tables. We must all make an earnest effort to contribute something to the success of the bazaar as a united work of love for our Church and devotion to its welfare. There are many pressing calls on us in this time of stress and trouble, but we must not forget the needs of our own Church in our impulse to do our best for others. Our little patch of God's great garden is here and He looks for us to be faithful in caring for it and making the most and best of

it. The bazaar appeals to us as a direct personal way of doing Him good service.

OUR ROLL OF HONOR

The Sunday School of Grace Church is represented in the United States Army by six young men who belonged to the Young Men's Bible Class and other classes and by one of our most faithful and useful teachers, Mr. Walter Dittrich. Mr. Kenneth Waterall, a member of Grace Church, is also on duty in camp. This makes eight men from our parish who are serving their country, and we are proud of them for dedicating their youthful force and courage to the great cause of liberty and humanity for which our nation entered the war. We shall think of them constantly and will pray continually that they may be kept safe in body and soul, and that they may return to us again in health and peace when the war shall have resulted in victory for our nation.

We print the following list of names of our boys, of the military units to which they are attached and the various camps at which they were located according to latest information:

- (1) William Salvador.
Company B, Seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, Gettysburg, Pa.
- (2) J. Francis Neill, Jr.
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- (8) Kenneth Waterall,
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SOME LITTLE THINGS THE SOLDIER NEEDS.

The following is taken from the *Christian Herald*:

"The first few weeks in camp are the hardest for the young soldier. It is a violent wrench from home life and normal social ties to camp conditions with tent life, radical change of food, limited bathing facilities, stiff drill and rigid discipline. To tide the lad over this discipline, home folks may help very materially. His mail is the big thing for the boy in camp. Each day send him some greeting or some love token, be it ever so small. The problem of laundry is sometimes difficult, so send him a handkerchief

to-day and a pair of socks to-morrow, and repeat it now and then. He has a sweet tooth—satisfy it with candy and chocolates in small lots only, each piece wrapped in oiled paper, that it may not reach him a sticky mess. He will, after a little experience, take pure chocolate with him on a hike, and it seems to keep a man up better than other food.

"His tent is not lighted, so if you can provide a small pocket flashlight you may solve the problem of his finding things at night.

"Because bathing facilities are sometimes very limited, a good big bath sponge is appreciated, and you may follow it with a towel now and then. Pennies for postage may be few, so send him a book of stamps, also an occasional magazine or illustrated weekly.

"Bound books are not usually desired in camp. He needs the ordinary toilet articles, but do not send talcum powder, tooth paste, tooth brush, shaving cream, razor blades and soap all on the same day—an item each day is better. Put a small package of court plaster in your next letter. He will enjoy a Testament or prayer book, and especially one of the khaki-bound ones that may be secured from the American Bible Society. If he did not take his watch and you can afford a cheap wrist-watch, send it. A pair of heavy tan laces to replace the worn-out ones that permit his shoes to be sloppy, would be welcomed; also a good hand-shaving mirror. Half a dozen blanket safety pins, as many large ordinary safety pins are among the handiest things in the kit. Two or three small wash

rag, a sort that can be easily cleaned and dried quickly.

"Parcel post solves the problem of sending small packages safely. Address plainly and fully with the number of his regiment and the letter of his company, troop or battery, and delivery is almost absolutely assured, though he moves from place to place very often. Insure the more valuable articles; it costs but little. Do not put all in one bundle, but string it out over days and weeks, so that he will learn to listen most eagerly for 'mail call.' It is pathetic to note the number of men in the service to whom the arrival of mail means nothing. Carelessness or wrongdoing separate them from home and loved ones, so they get no mail. Don't let the soldier man from your home circle be of this group."

A LETTER FROM CAMP.

The Rector has received a most interesting letter from J. Francis Neill, Jr., who is at Camp Hancock. He reports that all his company are in fine trim and show an increase of 12 pounds in weight on the average. His story of the daily training shows that hard and constant work is required. But he says the boys enjoy it. We are glad to have such good news. We hope to have letters from others of our boys and will keep in touch with them by writing to them.

GIRLS' GUILD

The Girls' Guild has been working quietly during the summer and have completed one sweater, seven

mufflers, four pairs of wristlets, four helmets and ten face cloths. They are now hard at work on sweaters, mufflers and wristlets for our own Church boys in camp who are not provided for by others. The Guild needs money with which to purchase wool for the making of these supplies. They have spent most of their funds for the work already done and would be most thankful for any donations which will enable them to carry out their plans. Such gifts for the Guild may be handed to Mrs. Hooven and the givers may be sure that they are giving with their money encouragement to the faithful girls and comfort and bodily protection to the boys in their winter camps. Please bear it in mind and do not be afraid to give small amounts if you cannot spare large ones. Remember that he who gives quickly gives twice.

WOMAN'S GUILD

The annual meeting of the Woman's Guild was held on Friday, October 5. The officers of last year were re-elected and the outlook for the winter's work was discussed. No definite plans were formed, but there is no doubt that the Guild will be found as usual doing good and loyal service for our Church.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary held its first meeting for the season on Thursday, October 11. The attendance was rather small, but those present showed an earnest interest, and in considering what

could be done decided on providing a Christmas box for a colored clergyman and his family. The Auxiliary will be very thankful for donations of money to purchase such articles as are needed to complete the box. Such donations may be handed to Mrs. Waterall, president of the Auxiliary. It should be remembered that every woman in the Church is a member of the Auxiliary and is welcome to all its meetings.

MEN'S CLUB

The postponed annual meeting of the Men's Club of Grace Church was held on Thursday evening, October 4, in the Parish House.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John G. Hooven, president; Dr. A. H. Hannington, vice-president; David Magee, secretary and treasurer.

These and the following, also elected, constitute the Board of Governors: Robert A. McCleary, L. Bert. Eyster, W. P. Rennie, R. E. Olwine, James H. Young, Edward H. Spielmann.

It was decided to continue the publication of the Grace Church RECORD for another season under the direction of the Club, and all members are requested to give hearty support to this action.

Instead of the regular monthly meeting of the Club for October, the Men's Club and the Women's Guild will give a "Parish Social" to all members of the Parish on Wednesday evening, October 24, from 8 to 10 P. M., in the Parish House. The committee for the evening on the part of the Club

consists of Messrs. Hooven, Neill and Spielmann.

DAVID MAGEE,
Secretary.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER.

First Sunday—Mrs. Anna M. Lindsay. Mr. William Lindsay, husband.

Second Sunday—The Rector. Mrs. Florence W. Mosford, sister of Mrs. Mary W. Harris.

Third Sunday—Mrs. J. Almer Dittrich, Miss Caroline Allen Dittrich, daughter.

PARISH SOCIAL.

The social given by the Men's Club and Woman's Guild, on the evening of October 24, was fairly well attended considering the poor weather conditions which had prevailed during the day and indicating a rather uncertain evening. However, those who came out had a pleasant time, judging from appearances and the expressions of satisfaction heard. The music, instrumental and vocal, was well rendered, Messrs. Spielmann, Huttlinger and Wonnberger being ever willing and anxious to oblige, and Mrs. Gormley, of Grace Church Choir, and Miss Goodman, formerly of St. Paul's Choir, Richmond, Va., being heard with great pleasure.

A talk by Mr. William Waterall on the pilgrimage of life, interspersed with reminiscences of his boyhood days in England and quotations of fine poetry was attentively listened to and appreciated,

after which Mr. Neill made some timely and patriotic remarks on "Our Flag," and all joined in singing "America" and other songs. Refreshments were served by the members of the Girls' Guild, who can always be depended upon to do their part in the work of the Parish.
J. G. H.

WEDDING.

On October 16, in the Vestry of Grace Church, Elizabeth M. Clarke and Walter W. Davis were united in marriage by the Rector. They left immediately for a trip to California, where they will remain until spring. We wish them great happiness and the full measure of God's blessing. Mrs. Davis was well known in Grace Church as a good and loyal friend.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The Grace Church Branch of the G. F. S. discontinued its regular weekly meetings in June. This did not mean a cessation of all work. During the warm weather the candidates continued crocheting the wool squares for the soldiers' shawls, and the associates and members filled 13 kits which were distributed to the sailors of our own Navy Yard. Each kit contained sewing material, soap, a tooth brush, a hand brush, a shaving brush, writing materials, mints, chewing gum, tobacco and pipes, shaving soap, tooth paste, cold cream, talcum powder, shoe laces, a deck of cards, a Testament, mirror, wash cloth and scissors. All these articles fitted neatly into a rubber bag.

In July we spent a most delightful day at the G. F. S. Holiday House at Cape May. It was our first visit as a branch, and we were delighted. There is an atmosphere of friendliness about the Holiday House which makes it a real home and not a mere boarding place. We came away feeling that here was one place where the ideals of the order were really being realized in every sense.

We resumed our regular weekly meeting the first Thursday in October. The members are doing Red Cross work in the form of hospital supplies. The candidates are crocheting more squares and making some scrap books for a future missionary box.

Our branch was the guest of a friend who took a number of the girls and associates to the Academy of Music to hear Lieutenant Sousa and his band of 250 marines. The same evening we had the privilege of hearing an address by Admiral Henderson, of the King's Navy, and also two other addresses. One from our own General Waller and one from an officer of the Australian Army. He had been wounded in the Dardanelles and was here on a furlough. Each address made its own appeal. As we listened we felt that the fate of the world was in the hands of able men who were sacrificing much and that there was an ever-increasing demand on our part for both work and sympathy.

JANE LESLIE KIFT.

BOYS' CLUB.

The Club held its first meeting of the year October 2, under the direc-

tion of Rev. Mr. Doberstine. It is composed largely of last year's Juniors, in addition to which we have several new members. Raymond Clift was chosen as president; Carl G. Wonnberger as secretary. We begin our basket-ball season on the 16th.

The team, though lighter than usual, is fast, and we have every reason to hope for an excellent season. We play every Tuesday evening in the Parish House, and cordially invite all the members of the Sunday school to come out and give us their support.

CARL G. WONNBERGER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

JUNIOR BOYS' CLUB.

The Club held its first meeting October 2, in conjunction with the Boys' Club. We are composed entirely of new members, and in extending an invitation for a greater number of members from the Sunday school we wish to state that no member in the school is too small to join us. Charles Barr was elected president; Paul Wonnberger, secretary and treasurer. Few of us know anything about basket-ball, but some of the Seniors have promised to teach us the game. Come out and help us!

PAUL WONNBERGER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

TRIBUTE OF A CANADIAN FATHER TO HIS SON

[Edward Markham, the poet, under the unpatriotic title, "I Did Not Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier," wrote these lines:

"O mothers, will you longer give

your sons to feed the awful hunger of the guns?" Dr. James L. Hughes answered this poem. Greater significance is given to the answer by the fact that Doctor Hughes's own son was killed in battle.]

God gave my son in trust to me;
Christ died for him, and he should be

A man for Christ. He is his own,
And God's and man's, not mine alone.

He was not mine to "give." He gave

Himself that he might help to save
All that a Christian should revere,
All that enlightened men hold dear.

"To feed the guns!" Ah, torpid soul!

Awake, and see life as a whole.
When freedom, honor, justice, right
Were threatened by the despot's might,

With heart aflame and soul alight,
He bravely went for God to fight
Against base savages whose pride
The laws of God and man defied.

"Forgotten grave!" This selfish plea
Awakes no deep response in me,
For, though his grave I may not see
My boy will ne'er forgotten be.
My real son can never die;
'Tis but his body that may lie
In foreign land, and I shall keep
Remembrance fond, forever deep
Within my heart of my true son
Because of triumphs that he won.
It matters not where any one
May lie and sleep when work is done.

It matters not where some men live;

If my dear son his life must give,
Hosannas I will sing for him,
E'en though my eyes with tears be dim,

And when the war is over, when
His gallant comrades come again,
I'll cheer them as they're marching by,

Rejoicing that they did not die.
And when his vacant place I see,
My heart will bound with joy that he

Was mine so long—my fair young son,

And cheer for him whose work is done.

CHOIR CHANGES

We are very sorry to learn that Miss Richards, who has been leading soprano of our Choir for about three years, is to retire on November 1 on account of a contemplated change of residence to Lima, O. Miss Richards will be greatly missed, for she has done valuable work in the Choir. Her voice has developed in volume and richness and her confident leading in the singing, her sympathetic manner in rendering the music and her fine and pleasing solo work have added greatly to the attractiveness of our services. We shall remember her pleasant personality and her excellent singing for a long time. In the place of Miss Richards the soprano soloist will now be Mrs. C. F. Minster, who has been in the choir for some time. As the result of earnest study, her voice has wonderfully developed, and she will be found to be a worthy successor of Miss Richards.

REPORT OF THE PARKSIDE AUXILIARY, NO. 143

OF THE
Southeastern Chapter of the American Red Cross

The Parkside Auxiliary of the A. R. C. was organized June 12 1917. Its members decided to meet for work on Thursday of each week from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

On June 28 and each consecutive Thursday, pajamas and surgical shirts were made in the Guild Room of the Grace Episcopal Church, Mrs. Florence Crocker being in charge.

Instruction in bandage making and surgical dressings was given by Mrs. E. St. John Greble to those working in the Ladies' Parlor of the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Helen Meredith being now in charge.

The Auxiliary has at the present date an enrolment of 84 members, including the following officers:

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Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET WATTSON,
Secretary.

October 18, 1917.

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL

I (Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia) once ran away from home as a boy ambitious to see more of the world. While my father gave his consent that I might go if I chose, I was sure he did not believe I would go; consequently he gave his consent to throw the responsibility on me. But I went away from the mountain home in western Massachusetts, and secured a half-rate ticket down to Boston. I went around trying to find something to do, but could find no employment, and they said, "Boy, you better go home." Finally I had given out all my money, and I went down on Long Wharf, in the evening, and sought around the barrels and boxes for a bed. Finally I found an old hogshead that was filled with hay and straw which had been packed about crockery, and I crawled into that and spent the night in that hogshead. In the morning — Sunday morning — I walked away from the wharf, and

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went to an oyster house and told them I was hungry and had nothing to eat. Then they asked me how it happened, and I told them I had run away from home. The proprietor of the oyster house came out with me and took me up to Deacon Chipman, of the Tremont Temple Church in Boston. He had a mission on North Merrimac street, and he gave me some breakfast and took me around to the mission. How strange it was that forty years after that, that man came into my life again. I sat in his class, and heard them teach and sing, and then he gave me a place to stay over night and a ticket back to my station.

When I reached the station at Huntingdon I walked all the way up the valley, ashamed to go home, but having no food, and so hungry, I had nowhere else to go but back to my father's house. Oh, the bitterness of that experience. When I came in sight of the old cottage home on the mountain side I was tempted to return and die rather than return and confess my defeat. But at last hunger overcame every pride, and hoping I would see my mother first, which I did not, I went around to the back door to the kitchen. When I entered the kitchen there I was met by my father with a bucket in his hand. I thought it might be like him to throw the bucket at me; I thought it might be like him as a man to strike me with his fist, and yet my father when he saw me dropped the bucket, the tears flowed down his cheeks, and he said, "My son, have you come home? I am glad to see you. Come in. Mother is brokenhearted at your absence." I

went into the kitchen, and mother, with a wrap around her head, on which she had put cold water, was sitting there in the chair looking pale, emaciated, and I knew it was because I had run away. When I fell down at my mother's feet, and buried my head again in the lap of my childhood's rest, I felt then "a prodigal" son had come home. When father and mother knelt and prayed that night, and my father broke down in his prayers as he thanked God that his son had come home, I knew and he knew what the story of the prodigal son meant. You can not know these mysterious spiritual things until you have had some such experience with them.

A BROTHERLY IMPULSE

Only the other day a great steel beam was being brought up to a giddy height by a hoisting apparatus. As it passed a girder the beam turned just enough to push one of them off. The man seized the beam and was swung out far over the street. His weight gradually moved down the end of the girder to which he clung, and in a few moments he would have been thrown off, when a fellow workman sprang on the other end, thus balancing it, and together they were lowered to the ground.—*Harper's Weekly.*

THE MEANING OF THE CROSS

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to enlist in the cause. "What do you offer?" said they. "Offer?" replied Garibaldi, "I offer you hardship, hunger, rags, thirst, sleepless nights, footsores in the long marches; privations innumerable—and victory in the noblest cause that ever asked you." Young Italy followed him.

So was it and in even more dramatic measure, in the manifesto of the Carpenter. It was a danger path, this to which he summoned his followers. He made no attempt to minimize the jeopardy of it. It was a desperate undertaking, and he said so. "If any one would come after me, let him take up his cross."—*The Carpenter and the Rich Man*, BOUCK WHITE.

SOLACE

When I am bowed with grief, let me not say,
"Lord, I am cheered in mine adversity
To know that countless thousands in this world
Today are bowed with burdens heavier
Than those allotted unto me." Let not
The selfish thought that hearts of others ache
With pangs more poignant than mine own, be made
A balm to soothe me to contentedness.
No, rather let me say, "Tho I am thrall
To sorrow, it is comfort unto me
To know that countless others at this hour
Are glad of heart. I thank thee that my gloom

Eclipses not the noontide of their joy."

O brother, tho my hearth be desolate,

Lonely and dreary, let my solace be
To know that in thy house is warmth and love,

Dancing and feasting, and the sound of mirth:

Yea, brother, let my worthier comfort be

To know thy path is bright though mine is dark.

—WALTER MALONE, *Scribner's Magazine*.

MISER AND MARTYR

There is an old city in France, where, down to the middle of the last century, the people had to depend upon the wells for their water. But one dry summer these wells gave out, and there was hardly any water to be found. In a poor hovel at that time a child lay sick of a fever, moaning for water, and the mother had none to give him. He worried through, however, and grew to be a man. But then it was found that he was a miser, the closest and most niggardly man ever heard of in that town. He lived alone in the most miserable fashion and he was so unpopular with the folks that the boys would hoot him and pelt him as he went along the street. Then he died, and it was found that he had left an enormous fortune, every penny of which was to go for a grand system of water works, and from that fountain the water pours plentifully into every home down to this day.—ROBERT COLLYER, in *Clear Grit*.

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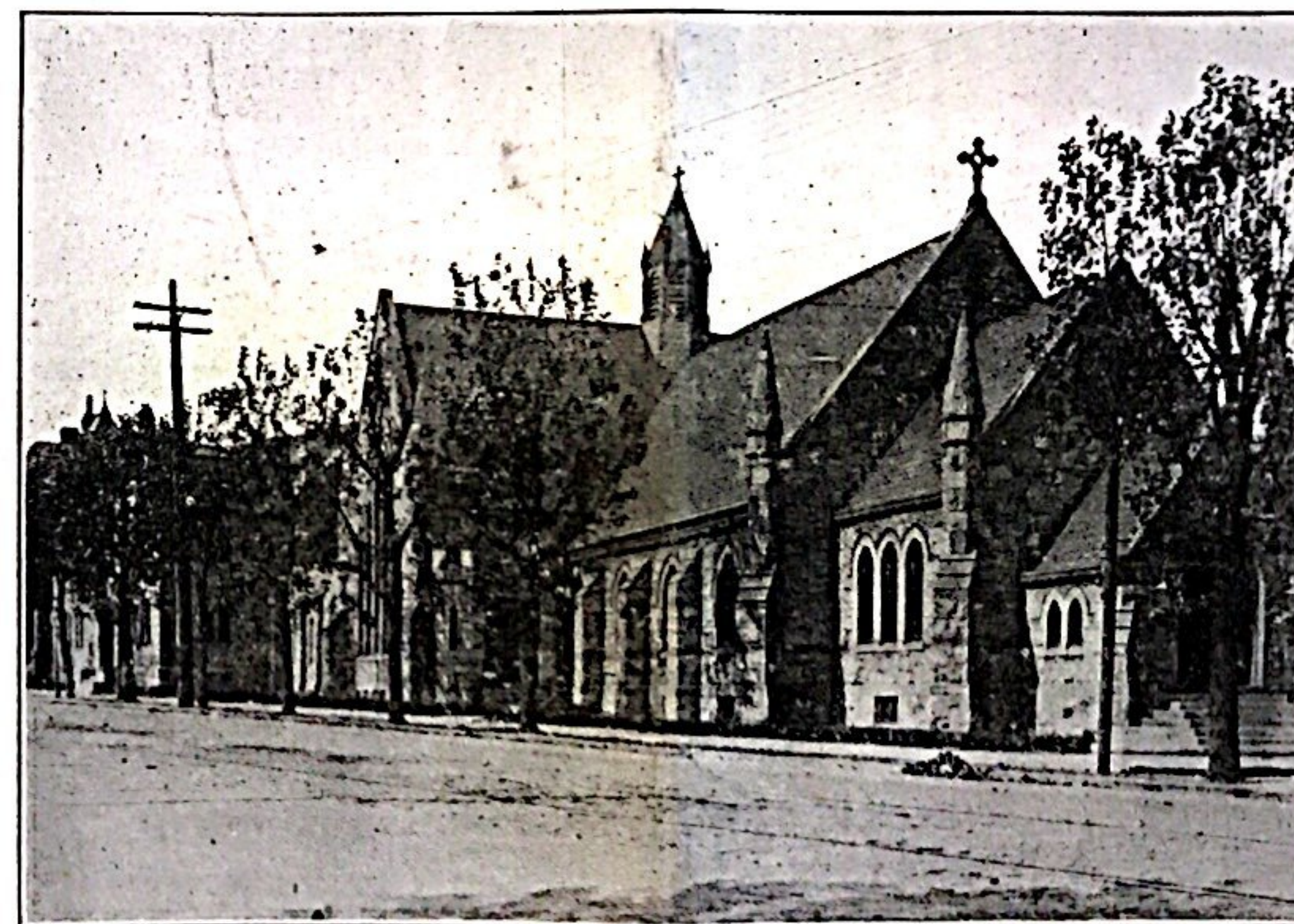
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CHRISTMAS

The night that lay over the world at this time last year has grown deeper and darker, and Christmas finds us surrounded by all the shadows of midnight without any sign of dawn. But we remember that it was in the dark hours of the night that the angel song of "Glory to God and Peace on Earth" burst forth over the world, and a bright radiance from above fell on the heavy shadows. God had not forgotten His children, and notwithstanding the seemingly hopeless condition into which they had come, He was close at hand and ready to bring salvation for them. The Saviour was born in the night. Light sprang up with him out of darkness. And so it is now. Angels may be heard singing in this midnight in which we see the whole world imprisoned. Heaven's light breaks forth through the gloom of earth. The message comes again to hearts bowed down in fear and anxiety, "To you is born this day a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Therefore our Christmas Day in this year 1917 may still be a time for joy, hope and courage. For it comes reminding us of the promise which God has made and which He cannot break, that He will save our distracted world from war, tumult and confusion, and will bring to pass a peace which will bind mankind into a brotherhood of good will. We may not feel as happy this Christmas as in former years when we look at the strange and disordered state of things which prevails. But if we will look up where God sits on the throne of the world, we will have a new sense

of joy and thanksgiving that He is the God of peace, and that when men are willing to receive His gift in sincere trust in Him they will find peace to their souls. The nations are groaning under a war which had its cause in the selfish ambition of a nation whose rulers had no sense of good will to the other nations of the world. Peace will come when those who have set themselves against God shall be humbled into repentance, and shall surrender themselves and their nation to be ruled by the spirit of the Saviour Christ, the heavenly spirit of good will.

Our Christmas Day may be now a really happy day, because it shows us the direction from which to expect peace. The peace of God is not from below, where in murky darkness lurk angry passions and selfish desires. The peace of God is from above, where Love is enthroned, and whence it has descended to earth in this living Christ, who, living in the hearts of men and women, is the Love of God translated into human lives. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men of good will." That is the keynote of the Christmas rejoicing which turns night into glorious day, and makes us hear music even at midnight. If we will strike it in our own hearts we will find it spreading into a great wave of cheer within our souls. We have a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. This old, distracted world has a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. His is the victory and the glory and the honor, for He is able to redeem mankind from discord and enmity, and unite it in a life of love and good will.

Happy may our Christmas be, because of its blessed promise.

OUR ROLL OF HONOR

We publish again and shall continue to do so in all future issues of THE RECORD the names and locations of the men from our Parish who are engaged in serving their country in the army or navy. We do so that our people at home may keep them constantly in mind, may pray often and earnestly for their welfare and safety, and, if possible, do whatever may be suited to cheer and encourage them. We beg that their relatives and friends will inform us as promptly as they can of any change in their addresses, so that we may note it in the published list.

An additional name will be found in the Roll this month which should have appeared before. Quite unintentionally it was passed over in the mind of the editor, and he is very sorry, for it is the name of one for whom he has always had great esteem and friendship. We are sure he and his family will pardon the mistake. It is the name of Dr. Harry C. Fish, who left a growing practice and a promising professional career to give himself to his country's service.

- (1) William Salvador.
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- (3) Clarence Harper.
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- (5) William Walker.
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- (6) Walter A. Dittrich.
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- (8) Kenneth Waterall.
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- (9) Lieutenant Harry C. Fish.
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- (10) Leon Smith.
Co. B., 305th Signal Battalion, Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

As an example of self-denial and of sympathy with the great national movement for economy, the Rector has decided not to send cards of greeting to the members of the congregation as in former years at the Christmas season. And he begs that no one will send him Christmas cards or other tokens. He knows

very well what your kindly wishes are for him, for he is sure of your loyal affection and kindness. And he wishes you here, where everyone can read for himself, the fullest happiness for both Christmas and New Year, happiness of body and mind and spirit for now and for many years. The Rector feels very deeply that we all ought to cut off as far as we can expenses which are not actually necessary. in response to the patriotic appeals of our President, and to use a good proportion of the expense saved in responding to the appeals for the needs of our soldiers and sailors and for the sufferings of the victims of the war. Let us this year make our Christmas notable for the gifts which we make to those who have little and need much.

CHRISTMAS DAY

On Christmas Day there will be the usual services in the Church, consisting of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock in the morning, and Morning Prayer and Sermon, followed by Holy Communion at 10.30 o'clock. We hope our people will take full advantage of these opportunities for bringing into their Christmas happiness the remembrance of God our Father and His wondrous love in sending His Son into the world to light up its darkness and sorrow with the great hope of deliverance and salvation from the evil powers which have enslaved it. While we are rejoicing over our little gifts received from friends in this happy season, may we not pass by without a grateful thought the unspeakably great

gift which God has given us in His Son, Christ our Saviour.

As the Church Pension Fund makes unnecessary the offering hitherto taken on Christmas Day for the disabled clergy of the Diocese, the offering at both services will be for the Armenian Relief Fund, which is devoted to the work of saving from starvation this winter a great multitude of Armenian women and children, the victims of the horrible cruelty of the Turks. who drove them from their homes after slaughtering their men, and left them without food. Their only hope for salvation from a slow and horrible death is in the kindness and generosity of the people of the United States, as none of the other nations are allowed access to them. There are 400,000 orphans, we are told, who must be cared for at a cost of \$5 per month each, and 800,000 women and fatherless children who require like help. Seventeen cents a day will support a person, according to the latest reports. What more Christian object for our Christmas offering than this? To save as many of these helpless people as we can ought to be a joy to us when we assemble in the Church that day to worship God. These people are our fellow-Christians, whose sufferings are due to their faithfulness to Christ in the midst of the bloodthirsty Christ-haters who rule them. Let us give our Christmas gifts generously to save them.

In addition to what we have said above, we give the following statements by persons in the midst of these suffering Armenians of the actual condition in which they are:

From Urumiah, on October 7,

1917, William T. Ellis reports: "Indescribable. rags, starvation, sickness, filth, human beings in the state of Oriental street-dogs, with whom they fight for the offal of the streets. The vastness of the continuous need is overwhelming." The American Consul at Aleppo endorses a cablegram of October 8, which says: "The distress among these stricken people is beyond any power of words to express." A cablegram from Mr. Shedd at Van-namar, October 25, says: "Famine increasing. People dying at our gate of hunger." Dr. Hoskins, of Syria, sends word: "One hundredth part of the Armenian horrors cannot be told. To their other sufferings will soon be added those from the bitter frosts of winter."

Surely we cannot enjoy our Christmas pleasures with a quiet mind until we have given something to relieve some of these terribly wronged people from the threatening approach of death by starvation.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS FOR DECEMBER

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Second Sunday.—The Woman's Guild. In memory of deceased members.

Christmas Day.—Mrs. L. B. Barton. Mr. J. Howard Barton, husband.

Fourth Sunday.—Miss Agnes Hillman. Mr. Benjamin Hillman, father.

THE BAZAAR

As already has been announced, the Bazaar will be held in the Parish House on the evening of Thursday, December 6. The Bazaar Committee, consisting of Mrs. Hooven, Mrs. Emery, Mrs. McFerren, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Dittrich and Mrs. Karcher, have arranged for a roast-beef supper such as was given last year at the price of fifty cents. Tickets may be obtained of Mrs. Hooven. Those who enjoyed the excellent spread of last year will be glad to renew that enjoyment now. The Bazaar feature will be held in the Assembly Room of the Parish House, where some novel arrangements will be made for displaying and selling the fancy and useful articles donated for the occasion.

We desire that everybody should take a hearty interest in making a success of this enterprise of devotion and service for Grace Church. It is a united effort on the part of the whole congregation to get into a friendly fellowship of service for the welfare of our church. And it is a fine chance to sink our personal selves in doing something for the general good. We have to take some trouble for it perhaps, or have to give up something which we would prefer to do, but if we take the trouble or make the sacrifice, we shall have the sense of satisfaction that we have been equal to the occasion of getting away from our own small selves into a wider and richer circle of life. We hope for good results financially from the Bazaar, for the people have never failed us yet when we have appealed to their loyal and loving

help. But we hope for even better results in a social fellowship of our people in work and friendly intercourse, which will bind us together in Christian love, and which will bring us into closer touch with the spirit of Christ our Master. "Ye are brethren," he said to his disciples, and again, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." The Church is here to help us realize this close relationship to one another. And every opportunity it gives us for social fellowship and mutual service is a means of promoting Christ's spirit of brotherly kindness and unselfish good will, which shows that we are indeed Christ's people.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary is preparing a Missionary Christmas box for a colored clergyman in the South, of the details of which full information may be obtained from Mrs. Waterall, President of the Auxiliary. The usual supplies of necessary winter clothing will form the contents of the box, and they will bring great comfort and cheer to the Missionary and his family. Donations to the expenses involved in the purchase of these supplies will be thankfully received by Mrs. Waterall.

An appeal for funds for the benefit of the hospital at Jackson, Wyoming, is also made by the Auxiliary. This is a new hospital in a little log building, which was erected by the voluntary labor of the men of the Mission station. It is the only one in a stretch of country extending 200 miles. Bishop

Thomas wants to equip it for doing good work in the name of Christ, and the Auxiliary asks for donations to that end. Donations may be handed to Mrs. Waterall, Mrs. Beath or Mrs. Holgate.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS

Notwithstanding that Christmas is surrounded this year with many trying circumstances, the Sunday School will hold its Christmas entertainment as usual. The Primary Department will have its celebration on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30, December 26, when the children will sing their songs and speak their pieces in their usual bright manner, and afterwards will receive their rewards and gifts. All parents and friends will be very welcome.

The Senior Department will hold its entertainment on Thursday evening, December 27, at 8 o'clock. An interesting program is being arranged in which the scholars will take part in several roles, and a pleasant evening may be expected. On account of the sugar famine we shall not be able to give the young folks their usual box of candy. We are sorry to omit it, as it is a feature which is always greatly appreciated. But our scholars will understand that it is one of the ways in which we all have to share the effects of the war.

But while there will be no candy, we will try to arrange such an interesting evening in other respects as will satisfy everybody, young and old, and leave a pleasant impression of the festival. There will be the usual opportunity for our friends in the congregation to show

their interest in the school by making such donations to the expenses of the Christmas entertainment as they may feel inclined. We shall be very grateful for any such help, and it will be a great encouragement to us. Such donations may be handed to the Rector, or the Assistant.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

On Sunday, December 30, the Sunday School will hold a Christmas Carol service in the Church at 7.45 o'clock. Under lead of the Choir the School will sing its carols during the service, the Primary Department will give some exercises and will sing their Christmas songs, and an address will be given. We hope our friends will come out and fill the Church at this service, as it will be very interesting, and the children will be pleased to see that their School is appreciated.

MEN'S CLUB

The regular meeting night for December, falling as it does on the 20th of the month, brings it so close to the Christmas holidays it was thought best to defer any further meetings until the regular date in January, of which further notice will be given.

J. G. H.

BOYS' CLUB

On October 23 we opened our basketball season with a defeat by Radnor A. A., in an exciting extra-period game, to the score of 17-14

Our team fought well against its heavier opponents, and deserves much credit.

On November 6 we defeated the Fletcher M. E. team by a 32-10 score. It was a complete victory for our boys, who scored nearly at will and were never in danger.

On November 13 we were once more defeated by Radnor, in a rough, poorly-played game. Score—13-8.

On November 20 we won over St. Michael's Cadets, 11-6, in an exciting low-score battle.

We are, needless to say, glad to note an ever-increasing interest in these games on the part of the Sunday School, as witnessed in the growing number of spectators, an interest that centers not in merely a small group, but in the School as a whole.

Carl Geo. Wonnberger
Secretary.

JUNIOR BOYS' CLUB

On November 13 we played our first game, and surprised not only our friends but even ourselves by defeating the Mystic Midget team of the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. by a 7-0 score.

One week later, November 20, we again defeated the same team this time by the score of 6-0.

Besides our success in basketball, we also are continually increasing, both in membership and financially, and every indication points to even further success.

Paul Wonnberger

CHURCH ENVELOPES (WHITE)

These envelopes for next year will be ready for delivery on Sunday, December 23, and thereafter, at the Church, and may be obtained from Mr. Pitts or Mr. Hooven. They are arranged in packages, each package numbered, and containing fifty-two envelopes, being dated consecutively, one for each Sunday of the year. They afford an easy and convenient means of making a regular offering for Church purposes, if filled and placed upon the plate in order either each Sunday or once a month if preferable, or returned in such manner as may be convenient, if unavoidably absent from service.

MISSIONARY ENVELOPES (BLUE)

The Missionary Envelopes for next year will be mailed as usual. These envelopes are numbered and in packages containing twelve envelopes, one for each month of the year. The idea at first was that two cents a day would apply to this offering, and while this still prevails in general, it may be varied according to the inclination of the contributor. Some give more, some less, and any regular, fixed amount monthly is quite acceptable. Those desiring to contribute to the Missionary Fund by the use of these Blue envelopes, and who may not receive them by mail, can obtain them upon application to the Accounting Warden.

HOW TO FIGHT WITH YOUR KNIFE AND FORK

By WILLIAM HARPER DEAN

When you pick up your knife and fork say this to yourself:

"With these two weapons I can help America win the war as well as the soldier who is digging a trench."

Our wheat crop is small this year, and this is true in all parts of the world from which the Allies can receive wheat in ships. The less wheat bread we use the more we shall have for our armies, the armies of our allies, and the men, women and children of our allies who are now fighting in the trenches.

Do not try to do entirely without wheat, but try to see how little you can do on. We have lots of corn this year; mix a little wheat flour with a lot of corn meal and make it into bread. It will be cheaper, just as good for you, and better for your country.

Or you can use oatmeal bread, rye bread, or barley. All these are good. All these help America to feed our allies, who have not enough wheat, barley, rye, nor oats.

Whenever you do use wheat bread, see to it that not a crumb is wasted. Make bread puddings of any scraps of it that happen to be left.

If you put too many slices of bread on the table, some may become stale and hard. Of course this should be used for toast or puddings; but isn't it better not to cut the loaf before the meal? Just put the loaf on the table and cut the slices as they are needed. Then the bread will be fresh until all used.

This year we have many, many potatoes. They are splendid food cheaper than wheat and just as good to the taste. Many native Americans who live on farms never eat bread of any kind when potatoes are a part of the meal. In place of ONE slice of bread eat ONE potato.

Do these little things each day; in the end you will have done a very great deal for your country. Do your duty with your knife and fork, and then you can safely leave the rest to the soldier with his rifle and intrenching tool.

A BISHOP AT THE FRONT

Further letters from Bishop Israel, who is in France, are published in the current number of *The Cathedral*, Erie. In part they are as follows:

"Thursday, September 6.

"I came on Monday to the Front among our soldiers. You must not confuse the Front with the trenches which is an entirely different situation. Nothing has been left undone to make us comfortable in this very quaint French village, which had been asleep for 300 years before our boys came. There is, of course, no hotel or inn, and everyone is 'billeted' with the people and in temporary barracks. We 'mess' with some of the officers, and are in constant touch with the men. I wish I could describe the village it is so quaint and picturesque, with ancient, low, stone houses with heavy tiled rooms, narrow roads or streets (some extremely narrow), the church with its steeple in the center of the nestling houses, with its old churchyard around it, all hid-

den away in this lovely valley. I sleep in a high single bedstead on one feather bed, with another over, in great heavy linen sheets. We live in our uniforms.

"I have spoken every night to hundreds of our boys in the Y. M. C. A. huts, and shaken hands with them afterwards, with a cheery word for each and many a private conversation. I get the men to tell me what State they are from, and this leads up to the home town, which puts us at ease at once. This, of course, is when I am meeting them individually. A number from Pennsylvania have seen or heard of me, while from Maryland and Virginia they are 'cousins' all. On both Sundays I have held three or four services, with each chaplain, for the men, one at least being the Holy Communion. Last Sunday, in the Y. M. C. A. hut, we had Holy Communion at 8.30 A. M. At 10.30 A. M. I was away off up the line at another camp, in another quaint, dirty little village, and at 3 P. M. held a service and preached at the Johns Hopkins Hospital Unit, twenty or thirty miles away on the loveliest hillside, overlooking an exquisite valley. . . . At night I was at our Y. M. C. A. hut here, booked for a talk, but a moving-picture machine cut up such pranks that it proved impossible."

On an "evening off" Bishop Israel says:

"9.30 P. M.—We have taken this evening off, and since supper, in our little mess tent, have been sitting in the one beautiful garden in this place, connected with an old chateau, part of which dates from the twelfth century. It was a lovely evening, and, shut in by high walls

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from all the turmoil of camp life and village dirt, we were in quiet and peace as nature sank to rest and the stars came out one by one until the sky was brilliant as only these southern skies can be. Then we came down the dark, narrow street, lined and shut in by stone hovels, into this indescribable inn, crowded to the utmost. Our room is over the kitchen, through which we must come to get up the narrow stairs. The village is kept orderly and quiet after dark by the Army patrol, so we escape the drunkenness and noise of some of our American towns, but the rattling of the cleaning of the day's accumulation of pots and kettles and dishes begins about 10 P. M. and goes on until 2 A. M.—Murray says. I, of course, go to sleep as I should. I am writing by candle light, and both pens have run dry."

LABORING FOR SELF ALONE

Mr. Smiles, in one of his capital books, tells the story of a man in the last century who undertook to make a steam engine. He succeeded, so far as you could see, in making a very good engine indeed. The lever lifted to a charm, the piston answered exactly, the wheels turned beautifully, and nothing could be better so far. But when it came to be fairly tried there was one drawback, and it was this: "The moment you tackled anything to it, it stood stockstill. On its own hook it would work beautifully, turn its own wheels faultlessly, but the moment you wanted it to lift a pound beside, then the lever and piston and wheels struck work, and

as it was made in an age and country in which to do nothing was to be counted a gentleman, the thing was called 'Evans' Gentlemanly Engine.'" Now, who doesn't know men whose action resembles that gentlemanly engine? What little they do, they do for themselves. You can find no fault with their motion, and they may be polished to perfection, especially in those parts that are brass or steel, but they would not raise a blister on their hands to save their souls.—ROBERT COLLYER, in *Clear Grit*.

OPENING THE DOOR

"I once called upon a cobbler whose home was in a little seaside town in the north of England. He worked alone in an exceedingly tiny room. I asked him if he did not sometimes feel oppressed by the imprisonment of his little chamber. 'Oh, no,' he replied; 'if any feelings of that sort begin I just open the door.' And he opened a door leading into another room, and it gave him a glorious view of the sea! The little room was glorified in its vast relations. To the cobbler's bench there came the suggestion of the infinite. And really, gentlemen, I think this expresses my conception of our ministry as we encounter men and women in their daily lot. We are to open that door and let in the inspiration of the Infinite! We are

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DISCOURAGERS

During the South African War this telegram came from Lady-smith: “A civilian has been sentenced by court-martial to a year’s imprisonment for causing despondency.” The explanation given was that the man would go along the picket lines, saying discouraging words to the men on duty. He struck no blow for the enemy. He was not disloyal to the country. But he was simply a discourager. It was a critical time. The fortunes of the town and its brave garrison was trembling in the balance. Instead of heartening the men on

whom the defense depended and making them braver and stronger, he put faintness into their hearts and made them less courageous. The court-martial adjudged it a crime to speak disheartening words at such a time. And the court-martial was right.

There are men in every community who are doing the same thing. They go about everywhere as discouragers. Happy is the church which has not one or more such members. — *The Christian Guardian*.

PRACTICING SCRIPTURE

Dr. James S. Gale, of Seoul, tells of a Korean who had traveled some hundred miles to confer with him about Christian things. He recited to Dr. Gale the whole of the Sermon on the Mount without slip or error. After this surprising feat of memory, the missionary said gently that memorizing was not enough; the truth must be practiced in daily life.

To his surprise the Korean quietly said: “That’s the way I learned to memorize. I tried to memorize, but it wouldn’t stick. So I hit upon this plan; I would memorize a verse, then find a heathen neighbor and practice the verse on him. Then I found it would stick.”

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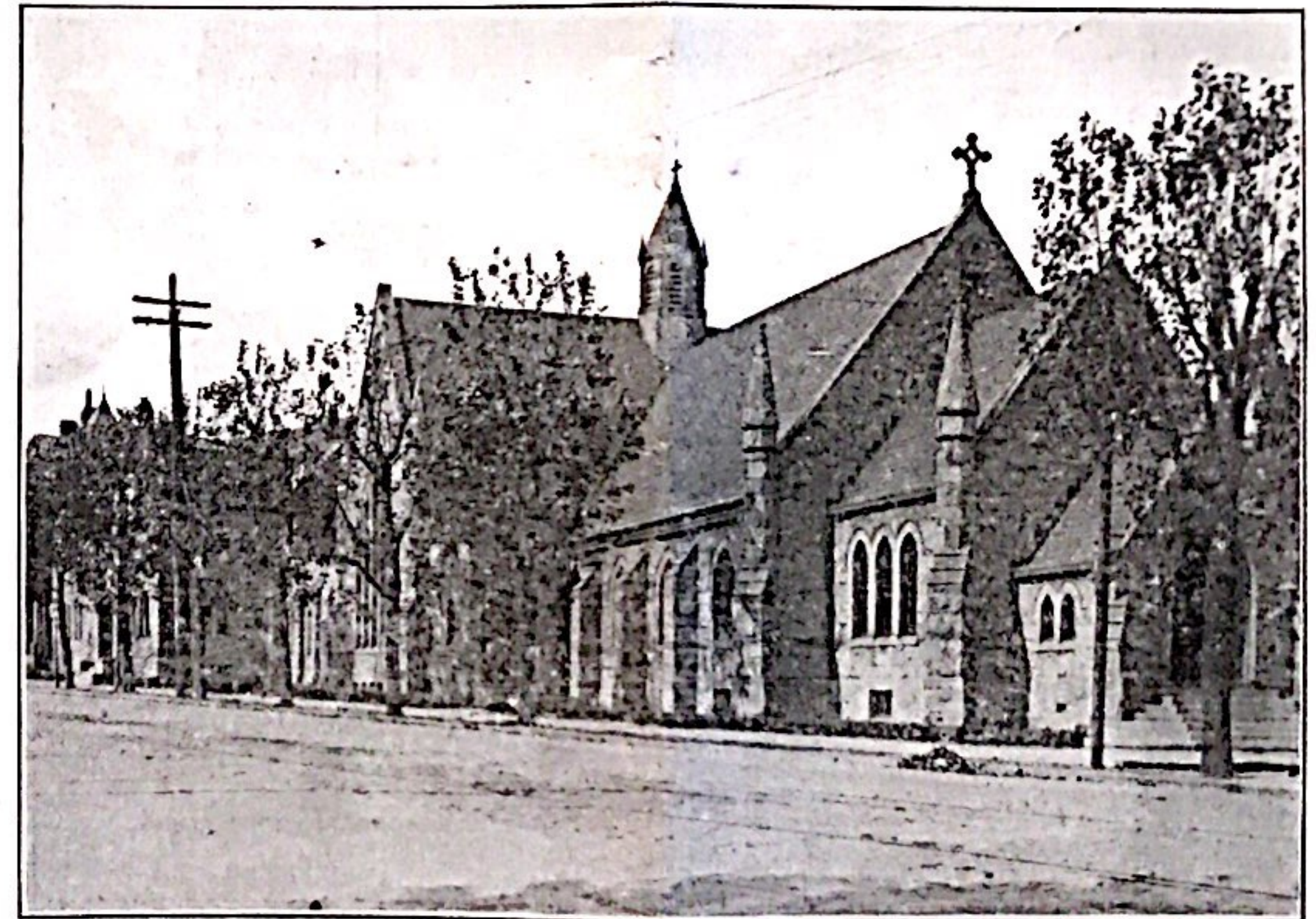
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SACRIFICE AND SERVICE.

In ordinary times we use these words sacrifice and service as expressing fine and noble ideas which demand our highest reverence, but which do not grip us with much real force. When we see them actually realized in the few persons who have yielded to them as ruling motives in their lives we admire them and praise them, and confess that they give a great glory and beauty to human character. But as for ourselves we do not feel that there is much scope for them in our own lives. It is true that on some exceptional occasions we can make little sacrifices in behalf of others, and undertake services for those who need them outside the circle of our own families. But the most part of our time we are thinking so much more of ourselves and our own interests than of those others who are not closely related to us that we do not feel that there is room for the exercise of sacrifice and service as daily forces in life. We do not mean perhaps to be selfish and self-indulgent, but we yield ourselves to the common idea that we must be diligent in looking out for ourselves.

But in extraordinary times, in which life is shaken out of its common habits and methods, by calamity or social upheaval, we suddenly come face to face with great and imperious realities which these words sacrifice and service represent. Dangers to which we are all alike exposed, needs which we all know by contact instead of hearsay, demands which fall upon us all with a pressure which we cannot escape, reveal to us that service for somebody besides ourselves and our families, and

sacrifices which are necessary for the good of others, are present and actual facts which we have to take upon ourselves as a necessary part of our lives. Thus it is now in this period of history in which we are living. We can no longer look on and admire as a fine spectacle what others are doing to realize the motives of sacrifice and service. We have to feel that sacrifice and service are things which we have to accept as motives for our own conduct, and which we must live day by day. Some of us may postpone the necessity for a time in hope that circumstances will soon change and the demand grow less for getting into touch with the larger life of the community and the nation. But, sooner or later, we shall see that there is no escape for any of us, that every one of us must feel the pinch of sacrifice and the demand for service. And we shall have to yield ourselves up to them as the motives which are to shape our lives and characters and make them different from what they were before. In eating and drinking, in our clothing, in our comforts and our pleasures we are now gradually realizing that we can no longer live only for ourselves. We cannot now hoard up fuel and provisions, as ordinarily we felt to be only prudence and foresight by which to save ourselves from discomfort and anxiety. We have to sacrifice that sense of comfort and security in the possession of plenty of resources, to the necessity of bearing in and on our minds the needs of others. We cannot expect to enjoy our own good fortune at the expense of the rest of the community. If by having plenty ourselves we bring suffer-

ing to other men and women, we have no right to our plenty. We find that it becomes the highest duty for us to deny ourselves that our fellow-citizens may not be in want. We thus get into contact with sacrifice and service as real things, and discover that the well-being of all human society depends on how far the individual members of it practice them as the moving spirit in life.

And there is great benefit in it for us all. It unlocks the door of the prison of selfishness in which our best life is cramped and enfeebled. It lets us out to a realization of the bigness of life, and of how we can get into it and expand into something larger and finer. The fault of most people in the past years of peace and prosperity in our land is that they have grown little, and their souls have dried up in them because they have felt little the need of living for something larger than their own success and happiness. But now when great national and social needs are forced upon us and compel us to have a share in them the opportunity comes for deliverance from these petty and selfish ends and aims in living. And as we accept that deliverance as a chance which God gives us for finer living, we find that sacrifice and service for the good of mankind near and far brings with it a higher joy in living.

We are living now to some real purpose. We are denying ourselves that others may have enough, we are doing things which cost us time, money and strength, that all the people, of which we are a part, may share the benefit of what we can do

and give. And with that feeling that all that we can give up and can do has a real value for the whole people, there goes an enlarged sense of our own value as working units in the nation and world.

And thus we can accept sacrifice and service not simply as rules enforced upon us by circumstances, but as noble motives which we can joyfully obey as the will of God for us. God's great desire for us is that we shall live abundantly, bountifully, generously, as He Himself lives. Christ came that He might give us life and give it to us bountifully. He showed us in himself what a bountiful life is. It is a life full of sacrifice and service, a life not of self-ministry, but of ministry for the whole world. And the demand for sacrifice and service which is now made on us all is the chance to rise up into fellowship with the greatest life that ever was lived, the life of the Son of God who freely gave himself that others might abundantly live.

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A SOLDIER'S LETTER.

The Rector has received the following letter from one of the Grace Church boys in camp, and he is sure it will be interesting to all our readers:

"Besides drilling we have to devote some of our spare time to studying the different systems of signaling and codes. At present we are studying telegraphy and that takes a good deal of practice. I like the life here. There is a very fine bunch of fellows in our company and we live very comfortably. The food is very good, and that is one of the main things in the army. You'll remember even Napoleon said so. The weather has been very good up till now. We had some snow last Thursday and it's pretty cold now.

"I had expected to be home around Christmas, but Friday we received word that the Secretary of War had canceled all passes. We were all very much disappointed, as we had been looking forward to our visit home. The reason the passes were canceled was because of the railroads. The roads in the South cannot transport food supplies and other freight and take care of the enormous traffic that would be put on them by giving so many men leave of absence at Christmas. You see there are about 40,000 men here besides the ones in camps farther North. Well, as it's for the country's good, since supplies are very essential to carrying on the war, we must do our duty and stay. We are going to arrange an entertainment for the holidays and enjoy ourselves as much as we can, even if we can't be at home. The Y. M. C. A. in camp does a wonderful work for the soldiers, supplying us with books papers, etc. They hold a service every Sunday.

"I was pleased to receive a copy of 'Grace Church Record' last week

and am thankful for it. I was glad to get some news of the Church."

The Rector urges friends and relatives of our boys in camp to send him word of any transfers of location, so that the Roll of Honor may be kept up to date. The Rector means to write to the boys as often as he can and wishes them to have copies each month of the Record, and it is essential to have the correct addresses.

REMEMBERING OUR BOYS.

In order that we may always keep in mind those who have gone from our Church to the service of their country a Roll of Honor Board is to be placed in the vestibule of the Church, on which will be inscribed their names. We hope the friends in the congregation will often stop to look at it and to lift up in silence in earnest prayer that God will bless and protect them. It seems like a little thing to do to look at their names and breathe a prayer. But God will accept that as an earnest endeavor in their behalf, and He will not be unmindful of our desires. There is more power and value in such prayers than we imagine.

A service flag has also been obtained bearing stars representing the boys who have gone from us. It is displayed over the entrance of the Parish House that others may be encouraged and cheered by this sign of what we have been able to give of our own for the defense of the country. May our hearts be filled with joy and gratitude as we see how many of our boys are doing their duty and give God praise for them and their devotion to the nation.

WORK FOR OUR SOLDIERS.

We are glad to learn that through the work of the Girl's Guild, in co-operation with friends and relatives, our boys in the several camps have been provided with comfortable outfits for winter weather. We have seen letters from them expressing the greatest appreciation and thankfulness for the things which were sent to them and for the thoughtfulness which prompted the gifts. Many a cold day or night, no doubt, the boys have been warmed and comforted not only by the articles of clothing, but also by the thoughts of home and friends which they suggest. It seems like a small thing to do to help keep their bodies warm, but it is a very great thing, because through it their hearts are kept alive and their souls strengthened. These brave fellows deserve all the cheer and encouragement and helpfulness that we can give them. We are glad our girls and women are doing all they can for them. They are serving God in what they are doing. For the greatest service of God is to minister to those who are the objects of His own constant love and care.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JANUARY.

First Sunday.

Mrs. Mary A. Steel.

Mr. Edwin K. Steel.—Husband.

Second Sunday.

Mrs. William Waterall.

Mr. Charles F. Lipman.—Uncle.

Third Sunday.

Mr. David Magee.

Mr. John G. Magee.—Brother.

Fourth Sunday.

Mrs. Lizzie C. Hawkins.

Helen D. Hawkins.—Daughter.

MRS. A. H. MARTIEN

We were pained to hear of the passing away on December 19th of Mrs. Anna H. Martien, who had been connected with Grace Church for many years, and who with her daughter, Miss Martien, was a faithful attendant and sincere friend of the Church. During the past year Mrs. Martien had been a sufferer from illness which prevented her from coming to our services, but she was always interested in the Church and was eager to be well again so she could come. Mrs. Martien was an earnest Christian, and through a long and busy life had always held fast to Christ her Savior, and endeavored to follow and serve him. And now she has entered into her reward and been received into the heavenly place which Christ had prepared for her. We sympathize deeply with her daughter, who had for long years been singularly devoted in affection and companionship to her mother. We pray that God will comfort her with His grace and support her with His presence in this hour of heavy grief, and give her the assurance that her mother is safe forever in the heavenly home.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL OFFERING

On Sunday morning, January 20th, the Offering will be for the support of the Sunday-school work. Those who cannot take part in the

work, and who yet are interested in the school, will have an opportunity to do some real service by giving what they can to provide means for carrying on the school. We have a corps of faithful, earnest teachers who are sacrificing their time and strength to teach the children, and they should be cheered and encouraged by the substantial assistance of others. The school is faithful in its weekly offerings for its own work and for missions, and does its full share for its own support. We hope the Offering will be liberal. The school has lost several good scholars and helpers by reason of those who have been called away to the service of their country, but it is still in very good condition. The scholars who come show earnest interest, and the teachers are always up to the highest standard of devotion. We are working in friendly harmony and happiness, and we are sure that God is blessing our labors for His Kingdom.

THE PARISH BAZAAR.

The Annual Parish Bazaar was held on Thursday evening, December 6th, and was much enjoyed by those who attended it. The supper was the usual excellent and satisfying spread which the faithful women of our Church know so well how to provide. It was well patronized by our own people and by friends outside the congregation, and everybody expressed appreciation. We are greatly indebted to the committee and their helpers for the hard work which they so cheerfully gave to make the supper a success.

The Bazaar was very prettily arranged, and the tables were supplied with a good stock of goods, which was quickly purchased. Those present had a pleasant evening of social fellowship with each other, and the Rector was glad to meet and converse with all who came. It did us all good to get together as friends, and to share the feeling of Christian friendship and good-will. Especially in these times of trial and anxiety we are helped in our Church life by getting into friendly touch with one another.

BOYS' CLUB.

On November 27th, playing before the largest crowd ever assembled on our floor, we defeated Crescent A. A., a team outweighing us by nearly forty pounds per individual. The game was full of thrills, which kept our large audience in a constant state of feverish excitement. Score, 22 to 16.

On December 4th we were again victors, this time over St. Benedict's C. C., by a 10 to 7 score.

During the following week we lost a pair of games to the St. Mary P. E. team, the first being played on their floor, the second on ours.

On December 18th we once more recovered our stride, defeating Fletcher M. E. by the decisive score of 24 to 7.

We have equipped ourselves with new uniforms at our own expense, and are at present badly in need of a new ball which we feel unable to obtain without some help outside the club.

We deeply appreciate the interest the Sunday-school is taking in our

games, and take this opportunity to give it our hearty thanks.

CARL G. WONNBERGER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

JUNIOR BOYS' CLUB.

On November 24th we again played the Mystic Midgets, this time on their floor. We were not quite as successful, losing by a 7 to 2 score.

On November 28th we played the heavy St. Mary P. E. team, losing by 14 to 12, in an exciting finish.

On December 3d we played St. Mary's a return game, and defeated them by a 2 to 0 score.

We are still increasing in members and financially and appreciate the support given us by the Sunday-school.

PAUL WONNBERGER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

NOTES.

We are pleased to note the fact that the little folks in the Primary Department of the Sunday-school have made a donation of \$2 to the Chocolate Fund for our United States soldiers. A receipt for same has come from the committee having the matter in charge, expressing hearty thanks. We think it very good of the children to deny themselves some of the sweets that they may give some enjoyment to the brave men who are fighting for us.

The Red Cross work goes on steadily in the Neighborhood Unit with which Grace Church is connected, and one section of which meets regularly every week in our

Parish House on Thursday from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. It is a kindly work of help for the wounded in the Allied armies, and God's blessing will surely follow it. There is room for many more workers, and we hope they will come and lend their aid in the sewing. There is great need just now to speed up the making of the hospital supplies, as a large quantity was recently lost by the sinking of one of the ships on its way across.

The cold weather is compelling us to make great drafts on our coal supply. On Sunday, December 16th, which was very cold, about one ton of coal was used up in heating the Church and Parish House even to a merely tolerable temperature. If the cold continues, and the shortage of coal is not relieved, such heavy demands on the coal bin may make us anxious about how we shall fare later in the winter. But we trust God and hope for the best.

We go to press too early this month to include any report of the Christmas festivals. We can only say that for the first time in the last few years the Primary Department had a clear day for its Christmas entertainment. There were the usual interesting exercises by the children, under the direction of Miss Parke and her faithful assistants, Miss Neill and Miss Clift. The little ones gave a very good offering for the Armenian orphans, and we hope enjoyed this beautiful way of keeping Christmas by giving instead of receiving.

The bad weather on Christmas Day prevented a very large attendance at the Church services. The offering for the Armenian Relief Fund was taken, but we have not had time to hear the amount. We hope it was generous.

STATEMENT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The end of the fiscal year has come and the misfortune which we would not even admit as possible has fallen. The year closed with a deficit and a large one. Even after keeping the books open ten days longer than would have been the case ordinarily, the balance on the wrong side was \$143,000. Pity 't is 't is true, and yet there is no occasion for discouragement. We cannot but feel regret, almost mortification, that at a time when men are wondering whether the Church's faith is anything more than adherence to an academic theory there should seem to be apparently good ground for men supposing they have reason for such an opinion. Yet after all it is only in appearance. The truth is the Church as a whole has never done so splendidly as in the past year. While all Americans have with a sort of religious fervor strained every nerve to meet each demand that the Government or the needs incident to the war have made upon them; the great body of the Church has faithfully kept in mind the Mission intrusted to Her and has not allowed other self-denials to interfere with this prime obligation. There is cause for thanksgiving that there are so many faithful ones and that they are so generally distributed throughout

the country. Such knowledge gives us reasonable ground for believing that the distress now expresses only a passing phase of the Church's life and that the shock every one must feel when it is known that there is actually a deficit will tempt those who did not come to the help of the Lord against the mighty to take steps to prevent a like disaster from again overtaking the Church.—The Spirit of Mission.

PRAYER FOR MUNITION WORKERS.

O God, who acceptest a willing mind in every good work, hear our prayers for such as are serving our cause in ways other than on the field of battle. Graciously remember the multitudes of men and women engaged in the making of munitions of war. Be near to all who in this task are exposed to peculiar perils of body or soul. Mercifully defend them from accident, and cheer them in hours of continuous toil by day or night. Protect by Christ's grace any who may be subject to special temptations through the circumstances of their new calling. May young women be endued with maidenly grace and womanly gentleness of feeling and manner; and may the minds of all munition workers be elevated by a lofty thought of the sacred cause for which they are giving their time and toil. Hasten the time, O Father, when the sons and daughters of men shall no longer be called to use their hands in producing instruments of war, but when all may strive together in the arts of peace for the building up of human life in true prosperity and happiness. Through Him who in

righteousness doth judge and make war, Thy holy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

PEACE OVER EARTH AGAIN. By Edwin Markham.

Rejoice, O world of troubled men;
For peace is coming back again—
Peace to the trenches running red,
Peace to the hosts of the fleeing dead,
Peace to the field where hatred raves,
Peace to the trodden battle-graves.

'Twill be the Peace the master left
To hush the world of peace bereft—
The peace proclaimed in lyric cries
That night the angels broke the skies.

Again the shell-torn hills will be
All green with barley to the knee;
And little children sport and run
And little children sport and run
In love once more with earth and sun.

Again in rent and ruined trees
Young leaves will sound like silver seas;

And birds now stunned by the red uproar

Will build in happy boughs once more;

And to the bleak uncounted graves
The grass will run in silken waves;
And a great hush will softly fall
On tortured plain and mountain wall,

Now wild with cries of battling hosts

And curses of the fleeing ghosts.

And men will wonder over it—
This red upflaming of the Pit;
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And earth is weary of hostile
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Comrades, read out His words
again:
They are the only hope for men!
Love and not hate must come to
birth:
Christ and not Cain must rule the
earth."

THE SPIRITUAL SIGNIFI- CANCE OF THIS WAR.

Mr. Lloyd George concluded a remarkable speech at Queen's Hall, London, on September 19, 1914, with these words:

"May I tell you in a simple parable what I think this war is doing for us? I know a valley in the north of Wales between the mountains and the sea—a beautiful valley, snug, comfortable, sheltered by the mountains from all the bitter blast. It was very enervating, and I remember how the boys were in the habit of climbing the hill above the village to have a glimpse of the great mountains in the distance, and to be stimulated and freshened by the breezes which came from the hill tops, and by the great spectacle of that valley.

"We have been living in a sheltered valley for generations. We have been too comfortable, too indulgent, many perhaps too selfish, and the stern hand of fate has scourged us to an elevation where we can see the great everlasting things that matter for a nation—the great peaks of honor we had forgotten, duty, patriotism, and, clad in glittering

white, the great pinnacle of sacrifice, pointing like a rugged finger to heaven. We shall descend into the valleys again, but as long as the men and women of this generation last they will carry in their hearts the image of these great mountain peaks whose foundations are not shaken, though Europe rock and sway in the convulsions of a great war."

THANKSGIVING.

For raiment and for daily bread,
For shelter from the rain and
shine,
For length of days and hardihead,
Small gratitude is mine.

These are the laborer's due hire,
Though hard it be to solve the
doubt
How I have merited the fire
My brother goes without.

But for the mission of my feet,
The labor of my heart and hand,
The service difficult and sweet
And all my own, I stand.

Most deeply thankful, and for art
That nerves my strength and fires
my brain,
For song, that ever calls my heart
Back to its dreams again.

For the assurance that my toil
Is furthering some mighty end
Beyond the present strife and moil,
Toward which the ages trend.

For labor, wageless though it be,
For what I give, not what I take,
For battle, not for victory,
My prayer of thanks I make.

ODELL SHEPARD, in
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He struggled along for a while, but eventually realized what he was up against, and sold his patent rights

to one of his competitors. Success was within his grasp, but he loosened his hold and let it get away from him simply by concentrating on the immediate present and forgetting all about the future.—W. G. CLIFFORD.

THE OUTLOOK AND THE UPLOOK.

"When the outlook is dark, try the uplook":

These words hold a message of cheer;

Be glad while repeating them over,
And smile when the shadows appear.

Above and beyond stands the Master,

He sees what we do for his sake,
He never will fail nor forsake us,

"He knoweth the way that we take."

"When the outlook is dark, try the uplook":

The outlook of faith and good cheer;

The love of the Father surrounds us,

He knows when the shadows are near.

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And smile on the dreariest day.

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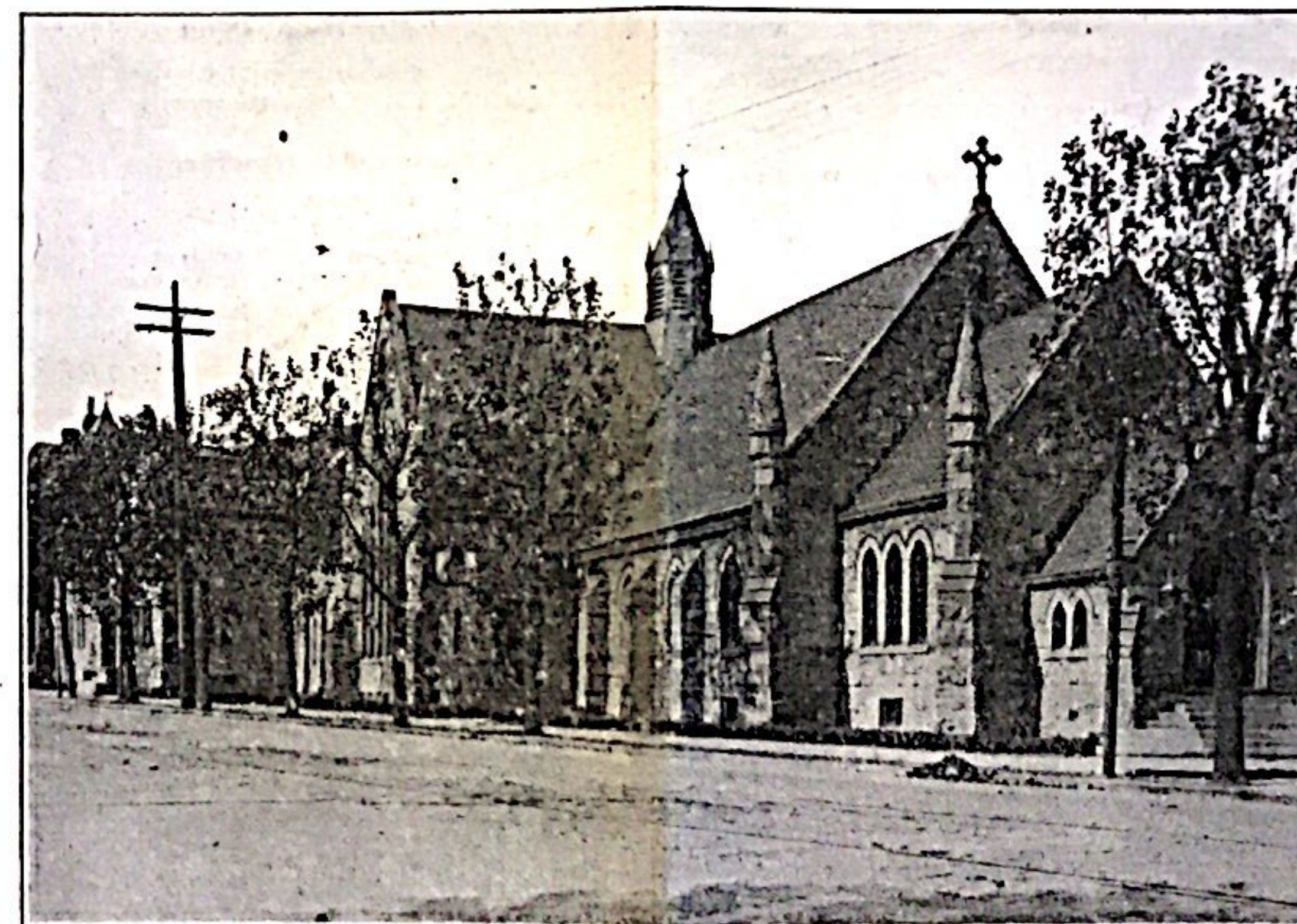
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LENT.

We enter quite early this year on the Lent season, and perhaps it is well that we do, as the whole setting of life in our land and throughout the world is such as to favor in all right-minded persons serious thought of our relations to God and of what is needed to deepen them into intense realities. In the Civil War, after the disastrous battle of Bull Run, President Lincoln appointed a day of penitence and prayer for the nation. He attended a service in one of the Churches in Washington, and to his surprise saw there a man who was the leader of a club of unbelievers, and who had often boldly declared that he had no faith whatever in God, and that He had no right to human services and worship. When the Church service

was over Mr. Lincoln accosted this man and said to him: "How is it that you, who are well known as an atheist, should come to a service of prayer to God for blessing and assistance?" The man replied: "Well, Mr. President, atheism does very well for us when things are going right. But after such a blow as this fearful defeat of our forces we have to reckon that our only chance is to cast ourselves on the mercy of a God." Thus it is that God makes known how real He is even for those who profess that they do not believe in Him, when the earthly realities fail us and leave us helpless and afraid.

In this nation at this period of its history, as clouds thicken and circumstances threaten, the minds of the people need to be reminded of God as the only One who can steady and strengthen and comfort the soul in hours of peril and utmost need.

And Lent comes now with its two-fold message of our need and helplessness, and of God's all-sufficient grace as our present and real help. Many will not listen to that message. But a great many are willing to hear it and accept it as God's gracious word to them. Lent reminds us of our sins and infirmities, that it may show us that God is the Friend of sinners and is here in His Son to promise us forgiveness and salvation. What is most needful for us is lift up our hearts unto the

Lord, and surrender ourselves to Him in love and obedience, trusting Him to save us from our sins. Thus into the season's prayers and confessions comes a great note of gladness that we are not alone in dark, but that God is with us.

LENTEN SERVICES.

The Lenten services this year will have to be curtailed somewhat on account of the fuel emergency in our city. Our Churches must take their share in ministering to the general need of economy in the use of coal. "I desire mercy and not sacrifice," is the word of God which Jesus Christ has set his seal upon as the true message of God's love to men. Mercy and helpfulness to our fellowmen in their need and suffering is a higher service of God than religious worship and religious enjoyment of public prayer and praise. And now is the time for the Church to show its sympathy with Christ's way of looking at things, and its readiness to put first things first, and to deny itself the things dear to it for that which is dearer to God. By reducing the number of our Lent services to make our fuel last longer so that there may be enough for the homes of the families in our city by reason of our not having to purchase any more than necessary is to put mercy before the public sacrifices of worship and in

prefer the welfare of others to our own religious comfort and enjoyment.

The services for Lent this year will be as follows: On Ash Wednesday, February 18, there will be service in the Parish House at 10.30 A. M. The service will consist of the Litany and the Penitential Office, the Ante-Communion for the day and a short sermon by the Rector. The Offering will be for Diocesan Missions. There will no evening service on Ash Wednesday. On Friday afternoons in Lent there will be a service in the Parish House at 4.30 o'clock, with a short address. We hope that this one weekly service will be appreciated by a good number of our people, and we wish that some of our men might come. On Thursday evening, February 21, the Rector will begin Confirmation instruction in the Parish House at 8 o'clock, to which he urges all to come who are willing to think of being confirmed. The Bishop will visit our Church on Wednesday evening of Holy Week to confirm those who are prepared. The Sunday morning services at 10.45 o'clock will be continued as usual, but the Sunday evening services will be omitted until further notice, and will depend for their resumption on the general coal situation.

LENTEN SEWING MEETINGS.

The Woman's Guild decided, at a meeting held on Thursday, January 17, to hold the Lenten sewing meetings as usual on the Friday afternoons in Lent at 2 o'clock, beginning February 15. They invite the other guilds and societies of women in our parish to join with them in this work of sacrifice and service for charitable and missionary objects. It is especially suitable that such a service as this should be done in Lent, for it puts a stamp of reality on the special religious spirit of the season. When our worship and prayers lead us to do something for others in the name of Christ, they manifest their power to make us bear the practical fruits of Christ's spirit. "By this shall My Father be glorified that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples." When our religion leads us to do something by which God's spirit is made real and alive for others, then it is true religion, then it is the kind of religion which makes other people want to have it because there is something in it which makes life richer and finer.

All the women of our congregation are invited to these sewing meetings and will be made welcome whether they belong to any of the societies or not. There will be work done for hospitals, charitable homes and missionaries, as suitable cases

come to the attention of the Work Committee. And every woman can feel that what she does in the meetings will comfort and help some who are in need of help and encouragement. It will be something done for Christ, who always identifies himself with those who are in need, and accepts service for them as service for himself. And thus in blessing others the faithful women obtain blessing for themselves, the blessing of being associated with Christ their Saviour in showing mercy and kindness to those in whom He is deeply interested. May the opportunity be taken advantage of by as many Christian women as is possible that this Lenten work may be as fruitful a means of grace as are the religious services of worship and prayer. May everything be done in Christ's name and for Christ's sake to manifest the glory of His spirit in the heart and the life.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

In response to the appeal in November last by the Woman's Auxiliary for contributions for St. John's Hospital, Jackson, Wyoming, the sum of \$25 was given and was forwarded by the Auxiliary. The following letter has been received, acknowledging the gift. The writer, the Rev. M. B. Nash, is Rector of St. John's Church, Jackson, and is

the son-in-law of Mrs. R. B. Beath, of our parish:

The Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

DEAR FRIENDS: On behalf of St. John's Hospital, Jackson, Wyoming, I wish to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of your recent gift of \$25. The gift is appreciated by the hospital authorities and we thank you very, very much. We are situated here in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, and thirty miles from the railroad over a mountain pass, often unfit for traffic in the winter time. The population of our valley is somewhat sparse, but until the establishment of this hospital patients had to be taken at least 150 miles. Many were not sent and many lives were lost on that account. The hospital has amply justified its existence for the last year, having been full to capacity all the time, and by God's providence and the skill of physician and nurse there have been only two deaths. Being a comparatively small community in our valley here, and by no means rich, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to maintain a hospital were it not for the kindly assistance which we get from friends outside.

We want you all to know that we appreciate your gift, and we hope that each of you will think sometimes of St. John's Hospital in Jackson's Hole, and feel some-

what of a personal interest in it and its fate.

Yours very sincerely,
M. B. NASH,
Rector.

OBITUARY.

We record with deepest sympathy for his wife and daughter, and the other members of his family, the passing away of Mr. Frank H. Hawkins on December 30, 1917. He had been ill for some weeks, suffering great weakness and distress, and at last he sank asleep peacefully and quietly. He had been connected with the Stonemen movement in our city and had shown great interest in attending its meetings. And as the center of that religious movement is faith in salvation through Jesus Christ, his connection with it showed that he was a sincere follower of the Lord. We rejoice for him that through that faith he has now gone home to his God and Father, and redeemed and glorified, now beholds His face, and is safe forever. We pray that this may give comfort and peace to the sorrowing hearts of the wife and daughter, and may draw them close to Christ who alone can console them, and give them strength and courage in the dark hour. For in the heavy clouds and dark valleys of this world there is only one Companion who can help, us, and

bring to us light, only Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

OFFERINGS FOR ARMENIANS.

We are glad to note that our people responded generously to the appeal for the starving orphans of Armenia. On Christmas Day and the following Sunday the amount offered was \$208 and some cents. The Sunday School offering was \$60, which includes individual gifts of the scholars, and an amount from the regular funds which would ordinarily have been expended for Christmas candy. As it costs \$5 a month to support one of these Armenian orphans, we have the satisfaction of having saved more than fifty from starvation for the month of January. There never was a more beautiful deed of kindness and mercy than this, nor one more directly the fruit of Christ's own spirit in our hearts. And in doing it we were included in a great Christian fellowship of sacrifice and service. For all the Churches and Sunday Schools of the land were united in this Christmas offering for relieving bitter human want. As Christ had compassion on the hungry crowds of Galilee and fed them, so He inspired his followers to do for the hungry little ones of Christian Armenia.

BOYS' CLUB.

On resuming our games on January 10, we received a defeat from Park Edge in the roughest game played on our floor so far this season. Score, 18-10.

One week later, January 17, we came out victorious over the Radnor team, 14-11, a team which had twice previously defeated us.

In accordance with the fuel conservation plan, our playing night has been changed from Tuesday to Thursday, beginning January 10.

We are happy to say that our appeal for a basket-ball in last month's RECORD has been favorably answered by the Church, and we take this opportunity to thank the Rector, Mr. Doberstine, our director, and all others concerned for procuring our fine new basket-ball. As a club we welcome the advent of a "sister organization," and wish them an unlimited success.

CARL G. WOMBERGER,
Secretary.

GIRLS' CLUB.

On Thursday afternoon, January 10, in response to a call issued on the previous Sunday in Sunday-School by the Rev. Mr. Doberstine, twelve prospective members assembled on the basket-ball floor for the purpose of organizing a basket-ball team. Under the tuition of Rev.

Mr. Doberstine and Carl Womberger the work has made very perceptible strides.

Rebecca Beatty was elected as President; Lizetta Kershin, Secretary.

The need of just such an organization as this has long been felt, and it is a pleasure to note its encouraging beginning. The girls are very enthusiastic over the club, and its success seems assured. New members are welcome! Report in the Parish House Thursday afternoon at 3.30.

CARL G. WOMBERGER.

QUIET DAY.

A Quiet Day, for the associates of the Girls' Friendly Society and all other churchwomen, will be conducted by the Rev. John Mockridge, D.D., in St. James' Church, Twenty-second and Walnut Streets, on Thursday, February 28.

Those desiring breakfast or luncheon will please notify Miss Mary Neilson, 325 South Twelfth Street, by February 26.

An offering for expenses will be taken. Members of Grace Church are most cordially invited to attend.

LETTERS FROM THE AMERICAN CAMPS.

The War Commission of the Protestant Episcopal Church was

organized for the purpose of meeting the needs of the men in the army camps who look to our Church for religious and social ministry. Its aim is not to work exclusively for the Episcopal Church, but to join with all other Christian Churches in doing the best service it can for our soldiers and sailors by encouraging them to a high standard of Christian conduct and character in the life of the camp and the field. Bishop Lawrence is the chairman of the War Commission, and Bishop Perry, of Rhode Island, is chairman of the Executive Committee. They have received many interesting letters from the chaplains and others giving accounts of the kind of work which is being done by the Church for the men. We are sure these letters will be interesting to our readers, and will give them a good inside view of the way in which our Church is doing her duty by our soldiers and sailors. We therefore print several of them, and hope they will be read carefully:

(Answer to a Mother's Prayer for Her Boy)

DECEMBER 8, 1917.

MY DEAR BISHOP PERRY: We have just had a visit from the bishop of the diocese and I have given up most of my time to a personally conducted tour of the camp with him. On Tuesday evening he spoke to the men in the Church tent.

On Wednesday he preached in the Church of the Advent and confirmed fifteen soldiers, three of them presented by me, and the others presented in turn by their regimental chaplains, six of whom were in the chancel with us. It was a wonderful service. I presented two boys, whom I had just baptized, and one, the chaplain of whose regiment was a Roman Catholic.

As an aftermath of the bishop's visit I had the great pleasure yesterday of baptizing a promising young lieutenant, who was aroused by the bishop's sermon Wednesday evening. Several more who looked forward to confirmation were prevented by military duties, sickness or other causes from being present.

On Thursday night, Bishop Guerry preached in one of the largest Y. M. C. A. buildings at the camp to five or six hundred men, with nearly all the chaplains occupying the platform with him.

It may interest you to hear, in brief the story of one of the boys presented for confirmation Wednesday night. My wife saw this young fellow walking up and down the streets near our home, sent out and asked him in. He told her it was the first home he had been in and seemed very appreciative.

A few days later we received a letter from his mother, in —

New York, telling us that she believed that we were the answer to her prayers, that her boy, though a good boy, had not even been baptized and she had prayed so hard that he might be baptized before he went over. I baptized him immediately before the service and presented him for confirmation with the others. The incident touched my wife and myself very much, and I am writing the mother.

Please express to the members of the Executive Committee of the War Commission my appreciation of their action and assure them that I shall strive to use this fund for the very best interest of the boys in uniform and for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ among them.

Gratefully and appreciatively yours,

(Strenuous Life of a Chaplain in a Texas Camp)

DECEMBER 27, 1917.

The War Commission, 14 Wall Street, New York City.

GENTLEMEN: I am just in receipt of your kind letter of the 21st instant, offering to assist me in my work as chaplain. I appreciate your sympathy and interest and thank you very heartily.

My congregation at Victoria gave me a Ford car last February, which I gave back to them for the use of the next minister when I left in Sep-

tember, but they have forwarded the car to me here and I have constant use for it in taking mail daily to sick men in the base hospital at Fort —, the measles detention camp, and the base hospital at the north end of Camp —. You may judge of the amount of use from the fact that it takes nearly a dollar's worth of gasoline a day to do me.

If there is anything you really want to give me, please give me a regular officer's trunk. My colonel is a churchman and so is the colonel of the regiment just north of ours, so the two colonels have erected a handsome "Sounding Board" northeast of our two regiments. Colonel — got the money—\$250—and the engineers did the work.

There is a natural amphitheatre northeast of us, and at the apex of the declivity the "sounding board" rises as a huge pulpit, ten or twelve feet from the ground, with side walls and roof concave behind the speaker, rising fifteen feet higher. With this assistance I can make myself heard by every man in our regiment of 2,900 without raising my voice above a firm, clear speaking tone.

The companies march out with the band playing and take their positions before the "sounding board." I open with a hymn led by the band and a choir of 83 voices picked out of all the com-

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panies, then I have the prayer for the President and Congress, prayer for the army and navy, prayer for peace, the Lord's Prayer (special prayers on occasion) and the Grace; then another hymn; then the regiment sits while I give them a 15-minute address, finally a closing hymn and the Benediction, and the companies march back to their barracks with the band playing.

It is a very pretty service. People often come out from — to see it.

After this service at 8 A. M. I teach a Bible class at 9 A. M., and have a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Y. M. C. A. building at 10 A. M. Besides the colonel, we have a major who is a churchman, a number of lieutenants and quite a lot of privates.

Every morning at 7.30 I go through each of the fifteen barracks in our regiment and gather up the mail for the sick men; then I pile it in my Ford (though at one time the Ford would not hold it, and a four-mule team was assigned to me for several days), and take it through each of the barracks in the detention camp and deliver it from bed to bed, except in those barracks where the men have convalesced sufficiently for me to gather them together in little groups and call out the mail.

It has often taken me 12 hours a day to deliver this mail. I took

writing paper and envelopes through in great quantities every few days. I find the Knights of Columbus anxious and ready to help me.

Every few days I go through with stamps and sell them from bed to bed; not only to the 360 men, but to everybody in the detention camp, doctors and all. This service is very much appreciated.

Then I send telegrams off for the sick and write to the relatives at night, as much as I can. For ten days I never even got my shoes and leggings off, and for three weeks I worked about eighteen hours a day, but it is much better now. I have gotten to the point where I can breathe and thank the Lord and take courage.

Sincerely yours,

(Young Men Taking Their Religion in Dead Earnest)

CAMP DEVENS, Dec. 10, 1917.

MY DEAR BISHOP LAWRENCE: The first impression that hits you on entering Camp Devens is one of immense vitality. The place is electric with the vigor of 30,000 young men.

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The voluntary chaplain's day starts in with a rush at 6.15 A. M., when the bugles blow reveille. It ends at 11 P. M. We breakfast at 6.45 in the mess hall at the barracks. Then, for an hour or two,

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After mess, at 5 P. M., I went into the various barracks to visit our Church boys, then back again to my room to see men through the evening. And wherever I go, to hospital or barracks, I take my pockets crammed with Testaments and chewing gum, cigarettes, and prayers. They mix well with the boys.

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The soldiers come to the voluntary chaplain on various errands; rather slowly at first; he often has to hunt them out. One man had lost two front teeth, and couldn't properly chew his food. Half his pay of \$30 a month was going to his parents; \$5 more for a Liberty bond and \$4 besides for necessary expenses. Out of his \$6 remaining he was willing to pay \$3 for his teeth, and to put up the Liberty bond for security. I found a good dentist in Ayer who would do the job, and didn't want the security. And through a generous laywoman of our Church the main expense of his teeth was guaranteed.

Again, a man stops me in the hut

and wants to know whether I can marry him to a hospital nurse. They are both from Maine and must they go back to be married there or can they be married in Massachusetts.

Another night a man comes in from the ambulance corps. He is a Churchman from the Cathedral in Cleveland. In the bitter weather he has no quilt, and can't sleep. As I had arranged to stay that night in the barracks with the soldiers, I lent him my quilt, until I could bring him a warm woolen one from Boston

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But even more absorbing is the religious work among the soldiers. And never have I seen men so open to the most direct advance. And never have these advances been repelled.

Every Sunday there is a celebration of the Holy Communion by the clergy of our Church in three of the Y. M. C. A. huts. We have a field altar on the platform and army blankets folded and spread for the men to kneel. From 27 to 36 men take the bread and wine each Sunday morning at 8.30, and from 50 to 80 attend the service. Throughout the big room still others are quietly writing or reading. But all is done in the utmost reverence.

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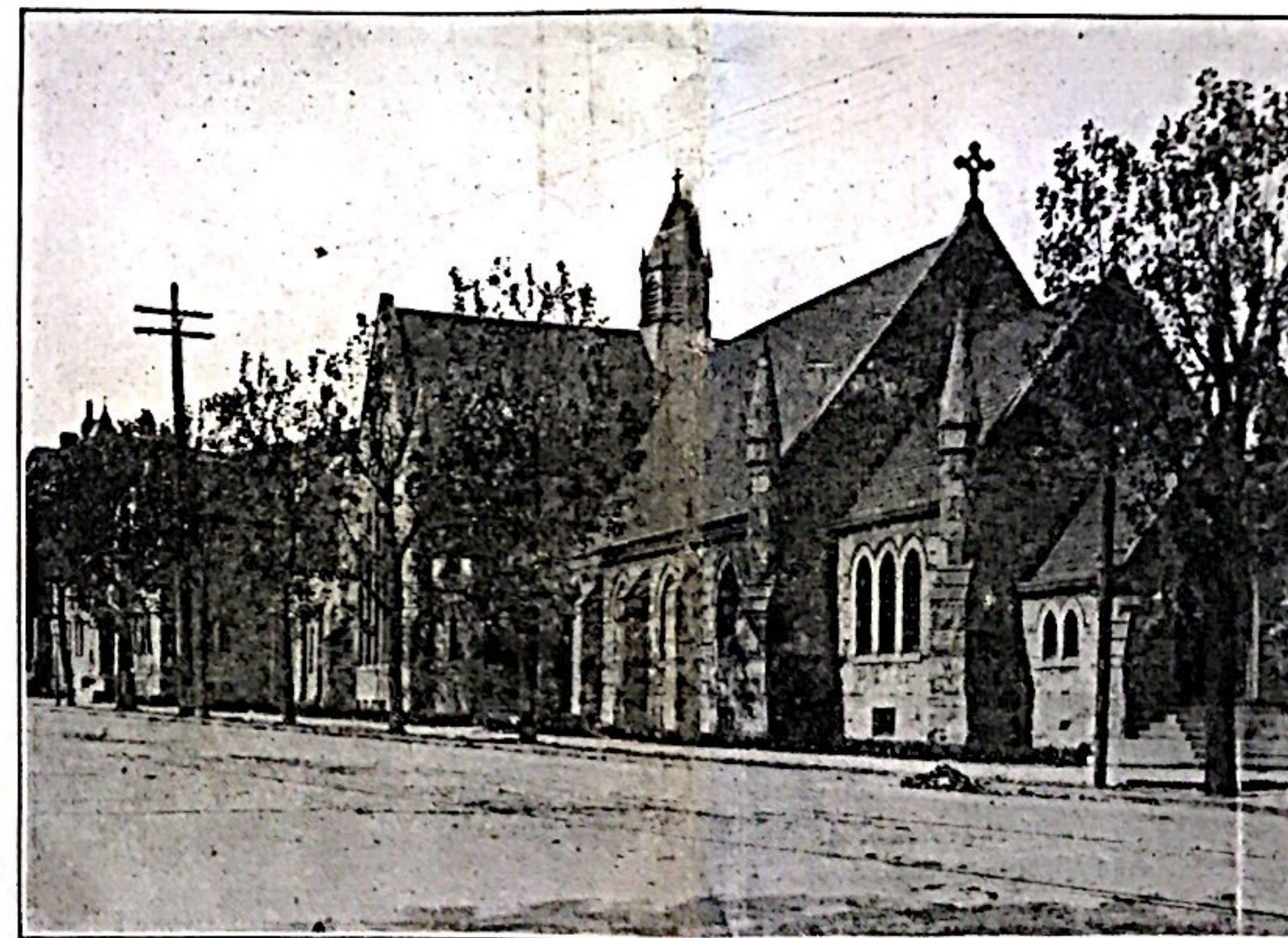
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Easter comes to us this year while wintry frost still holds its grip on the earth, and is contending with spring for mastery. But we are confident what the end of the contest must be. Winter's hard, icy, hand will have to weaken beneath the warm pressure of the sun, and the victory of life and growth will be complete. This is our faith in God's faithfulness in the course and round of nature. Winter cannot last the year round, because God has ordained this world as a place where life shall flourish. But this is also our faith in God's faithfulness in the Kingdom of Souls, that life is the triumphant power which God bestows, which after every eclipse breaks forth into new splendor, and which after every defeat rises up with new vigor. Matter and the flesh seemed to have downed the Son of God and laid him away safely out of sight and out of touch with this world. But while they could lay him in a tomb, they could not keep him there. God's power raised him up and gave him back in a mightier, richer life than ever before.

This is the Easter message which comes to us every year as we hail Christ risen, that life is the child of God, and inherits the eternal

force of its parent. If God's life is in us, it will always emerge from every defeat into a new and finer victory. God's life in us is the life which was in Christ, and has the same power to raise us up into newness of life as it had to raise Jesus from the dead. What is needed is faith in the resurrecting power of God's spirit when we yield ourselves up to it. And not only do we need faith in this power of God on the side of life for ourselves, but especially now for the whole human world. The world is now the scene of a terrific struggle between life and death, and the outcome seems most uncertain to human wisdom. We see on one side the death of all that is best in human nature, and on the other the life of the soul in nations trying to assert itself. But Easter tells us on which side to place our faith. For it shows us a God who is the God of the living, and whose almighty power is always defending life and giving it the victory. So we may rejoice for ourselves and for the world that a resurrection is sure in which death shall own its defeat.

EASTER OFFERING.

So much pressure is felt on every hand from the constant appeals which are coming for the large necessities occasioned by war that it seems hard to lift up the smaller voice of our own Church for its own needs. And yet we cannot serve God by neglecting the needs of the part of the field which He has put into our hands for which to care, in favor of the greater needs of the whole world. Our

Church has a claim upon our loyalty and our devotion which is as real as is the claim of the nation. If in doing a greater service we neglect the nearer and perhaps lesser service, we shall cause a loss to the success of God's Kingdom on earth and hold it back from its final victory. God has given our Church to us in trust as something to be kept from perishing because it is a means of helping the souls of men and women to know and love Him. He looks for us to be faithful just here, and to be ready to make sacrifices that His work here may go on notwithstanding the difficulties which it presents.

Therefore we come once more to ask you for your Easter Offering for the support of our work here in Grace Church, and we ask it confidently, not merely as a duty, but as a privilege which God offers to us. The Vestry needs your generous gifts in order to have sufficient funds to meet expenses during the present year. The income from our invested funds supplies about two-thirds of the amount needed to meet our fixed charges. The remainder must come from our people, who enjoy the services and the ministrations of the Church. It is a small proportion to ask, and yet we cannot get it without the help of our Easter Offering. Therefore, we ought to have at Easter as nearly as possible \$2,000, to provide against debt and deficit. We ask for the spirit of sacrifice from our people for their Church, a sacrifice measured by their love for the Church and by their gratitude to God for the blessings which they enjoy in the Church. We pray that God will move us all to bring not a

little spare change, but a generous gift to the Church at Easter, which shall mean something given up for God and for His cause in Grace Church.

EASTER SERVICES.

We earnestly pray that nothing may occur to interfere with our Easter Services in the Church. Surely, by that time, relief of the fuel emergency ought to be seen in permission for Churches to obtain coal. For as Easter comes so very early, March 31, we cannot expect very balmy weather. We hope for the best, and announce the services as usual, wishing greatly that they may be held. The early Easter Holy Communion will be held at 8 o'clock. The full Morning Service and Holy Communion will be held at 10.45 o'clock. At both these services the offerings will be for the Easter Offering of the Church, in which we hope everybody will make a real sacrifice to God for the benefit of His cause among us.

In the evening of Easter the Sunday School Easter Festival Service will be held at 7.45 o'clock, when in the Church, the School, aided by the Choir, will sing the Easter hymns, and will present its Lenten Offerings. All friends and relatives of the children are cordially invited to be present for the encouragement of the School by the evidence of hearty interest in it and its work.

LENTEN SERVICES.

As the coal stringency is still with us and we do not know how soon it may be relieved, the only week-

day Lenten Service will be on Friday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, in the Parish House. We earnestly urge our people to attend this one service in the week, as a privilege for the strengthening of their souls in love for Christ and consecration to His service.

CONFIRMATION.

The Rector is holding instruction for Confirmation on Friday evenings at 7.30 o'clock, in the Vestry. He cordially invites the presence of all persons who would like to think of the public confession of their faith in Christ in this rite of our Church. The Bishop Suffragan will visit us for confirmation on Wednesday in Holy Week, so that there is no time to be lost in the work of preparation. If any cannot come to the instructions at the times named, the Rector will be glad to converse with them and arrange for their preparation in some other way. Will parents whose children are at least fourteen years old urge them to come?

HOLY WEEK.

We hope very much that when Holy Week comes we shall be able to warm the Church and hold the services as we have planned. If everything goes well we shall hold the Confirmation Service on Wednesday evening, March 27, at 8 o'clock. Bishop Garland will visit the Parish and confirm the candidates. There will be an Offering for the Bishop's Fund of the Diocese.

On Holy Thursday, March 28,

we hope to have an early Holy Communion at 8 A. M., and a Memorial Holy Communion at 8 o'clock in the evening. On Good Friday there will be a service with a sermon at 10.30 A. M., and possibly in the evening a rendering of "The Crucifixion," by Sir John Stainer. An offering for Missions for Colored People in our Diocese will be taken at the morning service. If conditions do not improve, much of this plan of services may be subject to change. Due notice of such change will be given from the pulpit on the preceding Sunday. Old St. Peter's Church has had to close entirely for want of coal, so that we will have distinguished company in the deprivations which we may have to bear.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH.

First Sunday—Mrs. Edward W. Emery and Miss Emma Alexander. Mrs. Justina D. Alexander, mother.

Second Sunday—Miss Clara E. Riley. Mrs. Charles Riley, brother.

Fourth Sunday—Mrs. William Waterall. Mr. Hyman L. Lipman, father.

Easter Sunday:—

Altar—The Rector. Mrs. Mary Willets Harris, wife.

Font—Mrs. L. B. Barton. Mr. J. Howard Barton, husband.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENT OFFERING.

We hope the parents of the scholars of our Sunday School will en-

courage them in the use of their Lenten Mite Boxes to save up what they can for the Missionary Offering of the School at Easter. Last year the offering was \$110. We hope it may be as much as that again this year. Hard times have come to our missionary work, and every dollar is needed to save it from losing ground. The Lenten Offering is used entirely for making the blessings of Christianity known to those who have them not. The children ought to have their share in this splendid, unselfish privilege of spreading the Gospel.

MISSION STUDY CLASS

A Mission Study Class has been organized in our Parish, and will meet in the Parish House on Friday evenings during Lent. Miss Ann Booth has been secured as the teacher. She is connected with the Church of the Redeemer at Bryn Mawr, and resides at Haverford. The study is based on Bishop Rhinelander's book, "The Gospel of the Kingdom," which presents an outline for Missionary study of the Bible. At the first meeting, on Friday, February 15, there were eleven persons present, and a great deal of earnest interest was shown.

PEACE.

Oh, Heavenly Father, from Thy power and love,
Wisdom and strength, oh, send from above;
Thou knowest our weakness, we cannot hide
From Thee our worldliness, greed and pride;

Our brothers, our sisters, our friends, our foe
Are torn with anguish and weeping with woe.
We beseech Thee to send Thy Angel of Peace,
That hatred and strife and sorrow may cease.

GIRLS' CLUB.

During the past month we have spent our time mainly in completing our organization, and in learning the game more thoroughly. The Club has been organized into two groups, the "Reds" and the "Blues," and weekly games are held between the two divisions, some of which have been very interesting.

To date the "Reds" have won two of these conflicts, the "Blues," one. The members have been very faithful in attendance, and the general improvement in our play has been noticeable.

There is still room for several new members. We play every Thursday afternoon, in the Parish House.

Lizetta Kerchin,
Secretary.

BOYS' CLUB.

On January 24 we played what our friends were pleased to call the best game ever played on our floor by any team, defeating the Kubutu Club, a far superior team, by a sensational rally. With only five minutes left to play, the score stood 19-4 against us. By mere gameness of the entire team and by some wonderful shooting by Captain Long, who himself scored 22 points.

we managed to win out by a 27-23 score.

On February 13 we played another exciting game, this time losing, however, in an extra period. Score, 14-12.

Once more our meeting night has been changed, owing to the coal situation. We now play on Friday night.

CARL GEORGE WONNBERGER
Secretary.

JUNIOR BOYS' CLUB.

On February 7 we routed the "Cub Second" team of the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. by the overwhelming score of 36-7, totally outclassing them in every department of play.

There is still room for improvement in the matter of members, and we would again like to appeal to the younger boys in the Sunday School and have them come out and join our ranks.

PAUL WONNBERGER,
Secretary.

RED CROSS WORK.

The report of Parkside Auxiliary No. 143 of the A. R. C., from November 1, 1917, to January 31, 1918, is as follows:

During the Christmas Drive 108 new members were enrolled, making total membership of the auxiliary 196.

The average attendance in the work rooms for these three months was 35. During that time they completed:

2,700 Surgical Dressings
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3 Sweaters

The auxiliary now has a quota of ten members in the Navy League, which entitles it to free wool.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of two afghans, one the gift of Miss Ethel Gibson. They have been forwarded to Headquarters.

The workroom of Emmanuel Chapel is open from 7.30 till 9.30 P. M., on Thursdays. Instructions given in Surgical Dressings to those who cannot come in the day.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET WATSON,
Secretary

EASTER ELECTION.

According to the Charter and By-Laws of our Church, an election for ten Vestrymen for the ensuing year will be held on Easter Monday April 1, from 3 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, in the Parish House. The polls will remain open for one hour, and the judges of the election will be Messrs. Wm. K. Ramborger, Fred L. Pitts and John G. Hooven.

NOTES.

The Woman's Auxiliary has received notification of the receipt of the Christmas box which was sent to Rev. Mr. Johnston at Little Rock, Arkansas. The value of the contents was \$65, and though, on account of transportation difficulties, it was late in arriving at its destination, it brought great cheer and comfort to the Missionary and his family. The Auxiliary thanks sin-

cerely all friends who contributed to the box.

Through the kindness of Mrs. and Miss Beath, the Girls' Friendly Society is holding its meetings on Thursday evenings, at their residence, 747 North 40th Street. We appreciate very much this kindness, and are very thankful for it. The Society is working this Lent for a Mission School in North Carolina, at a place called Ivy Valley, and we are sure will do good and generous work.

The Rector has sent to each of our boys in camp a copy of "A Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors," and we hope they may be duly received and may be a help and a comfort.

We are sorry to have to note the deep trouble which has come to Mrs. Van Dyke and her family, of 4311 Westminster Avenue. About February 1, Mr. Van Dyke, who is an engineer on the Penna. R. R., was overcome by gas in his engine cab and was taken to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, at Broad and Wolf Streets. There he lay in a most serious condition, with little hope of recovery, for about three weeks. It was a time of terrible anxiety and acute distress for his wife and children. But now, thanks be to God and to Mr. Van Dyke's strong vitality, the result of a sober and sane manner of life, there has been a strong rallying of the vital forces, and hope has revived for his recovery. We pray that the hope may be fully realized and that he will be completely re-

stored. Meantime, we sympathize most deeply with his wife and family, and commend them to the grace and mercy of God in Christ.

We note with pleasure the fact that one of our soldier boys, C. Leon H. Smith, at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., has been advanced to the rank of Corporal, for which we heartily congratulate him.

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

The ready and effective response by the people of Pennsylvania to the appeals of the Food Administration for the conservation of our food supply has been highly commendable and productive of gratifying result.

But the food situation in Europe proves to be far more alarming than when the first survey of the food supply of the world for this year was made. Harvests in the countries of our Allies have turned out much less than contemplated and shortage of shipping has made it impossible to bring supplies from countries more distant than the United States.

The civilian consumption of our Allies has been reduced to the minimum and still there is not enough left to sustain the men on the fighting fronts.

"We need to save many things by self-denial and substitution." Meats, fats and sugar, but the all important thing for the next few months is wheat and more wheat.

"Our own boys are 'over there' now. Our own sons and brothers—to the number of some hundreds of

thousands, and more—are going every week. A collapse or even a serious defeat on the Allied front, through failure to sustain the manpower on the fighting line and behind it with sufficient food, would involve our own men in the general loss, as well as those who have fought our battles for us so long."

"Such a misfortune must never be allowed to befall us through the indulgence of those of us who are safely comfortable here at home. We can save enough to meet the crisis. We must do it and we will."

To enable us to meet the grave situation which now confronts us, every man, woman and child in the American nation is asked to have two wheatless days (Monday and Wednesday) in every week, and one wheatless meal (the evening meal) in every day.

To have one meatless day (Tuesday) in every week and one meatless meal every day.

To have one porkless day (Saturday).

To make every day a fat-saving day.

To make every day a sugar-saving day.

These things constitute an irreducible minimum of personal sacrifice that is expected from every patriotic American. Many of us can and will volunteer even more.

The American people as individuals must wake up to the situation as they have not waked up before. The solution of this food crisis is not up to the nation, or the State, or to any official. It is not to be solved by the few, or by our neighbors. It is a question for each and every one of us individually.

It is asking little when we think of our brave American boys who have gone forth to make the supreme sacrifice that you may continue to live in peace under free American institutions.

May the response of Pennsylvania in this hour of grave danger to our cause be immediate and generously worthy of our great State.

HOWARD HEINZ,

Federal Food Administrator of Pennsylvania.

EXPERIENCES OF ROOKIE CHAPLAINS IN TEXAS CAMP

January 1, 1918.

My Dear Bishop Perry:—I am taking advantage of the bishop's absence to write the enclosed account of a "Day at Headquarters."

As "rookie" chaplains we have had some very amusing experiences in the camps and we have all had some experiences of a very different character in coming into personal contact with the men.

Nine o'clock at the office of the diocese of West Texas, which is also the headquarters of the War Commission. There Bishop Capers, with his khaki-clad staff of chaplains and his bright-eyed and nimble-fingered stenographer, are gathered to begin a day's work. The bishop is always smiling, no matter what circumstances arise to add to his worries. At the start of the day the blessing of Almighty God is petitioned for.

During the day there come telegrams asking for investigations regarding soldiers who are reported to be ill at the base hospitals.

While the bishop is doing all this

the chaplains have started their rounds of the camps. There are now stationed at Kelly Fields about 40,000 men, and there will shortly be a great many more. There has already been prepared for the chaplain at the bishop's office a list of men concerning whom inquiries have been made. Sometimes he finds them on guard duty, or at mess, or in the air.

There are sometimes inquiries made regarding men who are eventually found at the hospitals, but never yet has inquiry been made regarding a man whom he has found in the guard house. We are proud of this record.

Sometimes he spends time in posting bulletins on the company's boards; announcing services or asking the churchmen to communicate with him.

After leaving the fields the chaplain continues his duties by visiting those men whom he has found to be ill at the base hospitals.

What Chaplain Cameron is doing at Kelly Fields, the diocesan chaplain is doing at one of the other camps, or perhaps dividing his time between several of them.

Eventually the chaplains find their way back to headquarters at the bishop's office and there every item of their day's work is laid before the bishop, who in the meantime has often covered more ground than either of them.

In the evening permanent records are made, in the form of card files of the work that the day has brought forth and of the results that have been achieved. There are frequent conferences, committee meetings and personal engagements

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THE EFFECT OF SECRET SIN.

A shepherd once saw an eagle soar out from a crag. It flew majestically up far into the sky, but by and by became unsteady and began to waver and wobble in its flight. First one wing dropped, then the other, and at length the poor bird fell to the ground. The shepherd sought the fallen bird and found that a little serpent had fastened itself upon it while resting on the crag. Unseen, unfelt, by the eagle, the serpent crawled in through its feathers, and while the proud monarch was sweeping through the air the reptile's fangs were thrust into its flesh, poisoning its blood, and bringing it reeling to the earth. It is the story of many a life. Some secret sin has long been eating its way into the heart, and at last the proud life lies soiled and dishonored in the dust.—*The Crime of Silence*, by O. S. Marden.

THE REWARD OF READINESS.

Self-possession in an emergency often may become the price of life. It was so in a recent factory fire in Newark, N. J., where the girls employed had been prepared for danger by oft-repeated fire drills. The fire came at last, and they fell into the ranks at the note of warning and marched out without panic and without the loss of a single life. The contrast between this experience and that of the poor women choked and burned to death in other factory fires, or even of the

recent club fire in St. Louis, gives us a thrill of relief. The value of careful preparation for the moment of emergency found a still more remarkable example in the great fire which cost Wellesley College the loss of its central building. The flames broke out at one end of the long house in the early morning. The girls were called from their beds, threw on what covers they could snatch at a moment's notice, and filed out through the smoke to the central hall and the college lawn, where the roll was called. Eight were missing, and the monitors went quietly back through the smoky halls and brought out the stragglers. The type of character which is characteristic of the Wellesley College girl makes courage and self-possession natural, but without careful drill it is possible that loss of life might have been added to the loss of property. The same value of preparation for emergency has been proved over and over again in our public and private schools.—*The Congregationalist*.

"LOVE ENDURETH ALL THINGS."

I have read of a certain Norwegian lighthouse in which the keeper dwelt with his two children. Having occasion to go to the mainland he was there detained by a sudden storm. Night fell, and the children could not reach the light to kindle it. The girl brought up from the house a little lamp which she held aloft, but even so was too short to reach up to the window. Her smaller brother laid himself down upon a chair, and bade her stand

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upon him. "Does it hurt you, Willie?" she said by-and-by. "Of course, it hurts," he replied, "but keep the light burning." That is the spirit of St. Paul's words here. Love endureth.—*The Practice of the Love of Christ*, by Harrington C. Lees.

SINGING AS A CURE.

"I wish I could sing; I think I'd feel well then!" said a little seven-year-old lad in the Bellevue Hospital, New York, while a surgeon was examining him to find what injuries he had sustained in a fall into a twelve-foot-deep excavation.

"All right, laddie; you can sing if you will sing something nice," said the kind-hearted Dr. McLean.

The little fellow began to sing in a high, clear soprano, "Nearer, My G d to thee." As the childish notes rang out, nurses, doctors and attendants from various parts of the hospital began to steal in, until there were fully a hundred people in the room.

"Well, I guess you are all right, little man," said the doctor as he finished his examination; "I can't find any broken bones."

"I guess it was the singin' that fixed me," replied the boy. "I always sing when I feel bad."

If we grown-ups would do as this little chap did—sing when we "feel bad," no matter what our loss or misfortune or trouble—we would certainly feel "weller."—*The Christian Herald*.

THE STRAIGHT AND THE CROOKED

I visited a factory one day where

pins are made. A long brass wire is drawn in at one end of a machine, and at the other end out come the pins, more of them than you could count. Most of them are fine and straight, but a few come out crooked. The machine drops them all into a great heap, the crooked and the straight together. But it would never do to send them all to market, for nobody wants bent pins. So the crooked ones must be picked out from the others and set aside, while the straight ones are placed in shining rows in paper rolls.

It would seem an endless task to find them. You would never guess how it is done! Nobody's eyes look for them; nobody's fingers pick them out. Each pin is made to confess for itself and to go to its own place. They are all dropped upon a ribbon, which has two motions—one straightforward, horizontally, the other from side to side, like a sieve. The straight ones roll off easily, but the crooked pins can't roll. So the bent ones stay on the ribbon and when they come to the end of it they drop off in a box of waste.

It made me think of boys and girls. Most of them, I think, are "straight," but not all. Some have a crook in them. These often pass the school tests and graduate with the rest, just as the crooked pins run through the machine without getting found out. But, like the pins, every one will come to a test which will show just what he is. Some day the crooked will be separated from the straight and each will find his own place.—FRANK T. BAYLEY, *The Congregationalist*.

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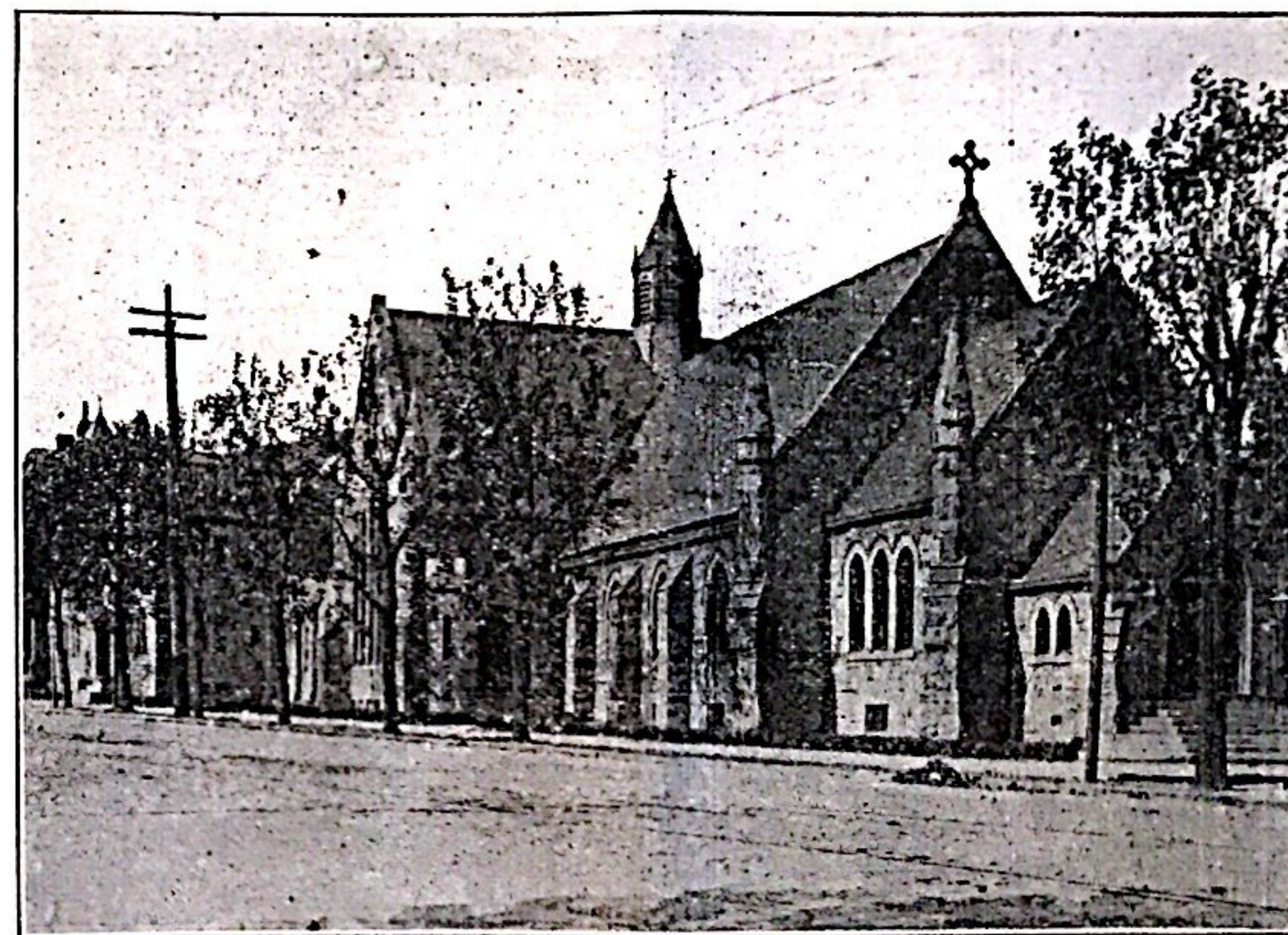
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A PRAYER FOR THE TIMES.

Our God and Father, in this hour when the future of this human world trembles in the balance, while the armies of the nations are gripping in desperate conflict and the power of the enemy appals us and makes our hearts sick and faint, we pray Thee most earnestly to give us an unconquerable faith in Thee as our God and Master. In Thy good time crown with victory those who are fighting for righteousness and for the Kingdom of Thy dear Son who gave his life to save mankind from evil.

Be Thou in this hour wisdom to our statesmen, decision to our generals, courage and heroism to our soldiers, endurance to the wounded, tenderness and strength to those who wait upon them. Give light

eternal to the dying and receive them into the heavenly mansions. Give the spirit of firm faith, and earnest prayer and perfect trust to us who are left at home, with great comfort for all whose hearts are sore and sad. Make us all one in our faithful service of Thee, and in our fast hold on Thee. For the sake of Him who suffered the bitter agony of the Cross for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VALEDICTORY.

With this number we close the fifth year of publication of Grace Church RECORD, and we hope it has been a useful year and that the paper has been of some real service in the parish. According to the old saying, "Silence signifies consent," we may believe that it has had the approval of its readers, for we never hear a word in its favor or otherwise. But we are satisfied that in the silence it has still done some good work. It has at any rate kept the congregation informed as to what work has been done in the parish, and as to the approach of any events of interest. Perhaps it has helped to stir up and sustain the personal concern of some of our people in the worship and work of our Church by keeping them in mind of it as a matter of duty and privilege. The Men's Club deserve sincere thanks for their provision for the expense of publication by obtaining the advertisements which appear in its columns. Without their work we could not continue the paper, as funds would not otherwise be provided.

As we close the year for THE

RECORD we take a look back over the season and we find in it much for which to be thankful and some things for which to feel regret. We are thankful that in all the disturbance of the times we have had peace and friendliness in our Church, and that much good work has been done by the guilds and societies in uniting young and old in unselfish and helpful service for others. Our people have shown lively interest in work for soldiers and sailors through the Red Cross and other agencies, and have given liberally on several occasions for religious and national causes. The work of the Third Liberty Loan Committee was earnestly done and was very successful in the number of subscribers obtained from our people. For all this we give God thanks.

And yet there is a shadow of regret in our minds as we realize that during the year there has not been as full an interest and devotion among us as might be desired. In the matter of Church attendance we have noted a great deal of laxity and indifference. As we look over the Sunday morning congregation we cannot help but feel that there are too many families in our Church to whom Church going is coming to be less and less a religious habit and more and more a matter of personal inclination. They are absent week after week without any apparent reason but a want of real interest in the worship and service of God. When the war began it was thought that the hearts of the community would turn hungrily to God for comfort and strength, and that the churches would be better attended and that worship would

become more sincere and hearty. But, as time goes on, we see instead of this increased interest in the Church a strong tendency the other way. In our own parish we see it in the large number of vacant seats which has grown larger during the last winter and in the smaller number of people who take a personal share in the parish work. The great number of outside things about which men and women are talking and to which they are giving some of their time seems to have afforded many an excuse for neglecting the duties which they owe God in His Church. For this we are sorry, for it means not so much a loss to the Church as it means a loss of moral and spiritual reality and sincerity in life and character. It means an unfaithfulness in the service of God in the nearer duties of religion which will at last lead to insincerity and unfaithfulness in the whole conduct of life. We cannot and do not wish to compel people to come to Church, and to share in Church work. God wants no reluctant worship or service. But we do most earnestly wish and pray that for their own good people would yield themselves up in willing and joyous service to God, that in loving and serving Him, and in accepting the benefits of a strong and earnest Christian life together in the Church they might find the blessed inspiration of a Christian spirit coming to them in the whole experience of life. God forbid that the sacrifices, labors, and sorrows of the war should make us less mindful of Him from whom alone we can draw the saving power which will lead us forth into a peace

for which we are worthy by our faithfulness to Him.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The Woman's Guild will hold the annual strawberry festival on the evening of Thursday, June 6, and we earnestly hope the congregation will unite in making it a success. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Guild and will be used in charitable work next fall and winter. The tickets will be at the price of twenty-five cents, and can be obtained from the members of the Festival Committee. This is the only way in which the Woman's Guild appeals to our people for assistance in the work throughout the course of the year, and it deserves our hearty recognition and support.

We cannot afford as a Church to neglect the needs and the activities which are as pressing and important now as ever they have been, which belong within the scope of our own parish. It is well for us to keep a large outlook and to have earnest sympathy with the national life in these stirring and extraordinary days, but we must not lose interest in the duties which lie closer at hand which we owe to the smaller circles of religious life in our Churches. For if these smaller fields of work are neglected and the closer duties which they contain are left unfulfilled, there will be a loss of earnestness and faithfulness in character which will sooner or later cause a general collapse of the morale of the community. A man who might be so interested in the keeping up of the appearance of the city park that he should have no

care for keeping his own door-yard clean, or for making the most of his own garden could not claim that his citizenship is very real, or useful. A woman who should be so taken up with her interest and work for a public charity that she should let her family go hungry, or ragged, and her house become slovenly and unclean, would not represent the best type of womanly character. We must be sure that true faithfulness begins with us in the nearest obligations of life and spreads into the greater and wider duties. It is becoming noticeable in these unusual times that many people are growing lax in their devotion to their duty to their Churches for the reason that they are doing so much for public and national causes. But there is no need to sacrifice our religion and our Church because we have our heart engaged in doing the best service we can for our nation. There is no patriotism so real as that which finds its inspiration in the service of God, and which feeds upon the faithfulness which springs from the unselfish spirit of Christ in our hearts. If we forget God as the King in our Church life we shall not find it easy to remember Him as the only hope of our national life. But that remembrance of God as the Master of all life is strengthened by our living with a faithful interest together in the Church whose great purpose in the world is to keep us always in sight and in mind of God as concerned in everything that we do. If we drift away from the Church we soon find that we drift away from faith in God and obedience of Him and put out the light of love for Him in our souls. The more earnest and faith-

ful we are to preserve the life of our particular Christian Churches and parishes the more sincerely and completely we shall serve our country. Therefore we feel that the people of Grace Church ought to hold fast to their devotion to it and not let their hearts grow cold toward its worship and its work. To make a success of a small parish matter like a strawberry festival in comparison with working for war charities and soldiers' needs, but it is just as much a duty in the one case as the other to do the best we can for the best influences in our community life. The smaller affair is important and useful for bringing our people together in social fellowship and giving them something to do as a Church for the help of others and for the closer touch with one another. We need to get into friendlier and kinder relations to one another in the name of Christ in order to feel more sincerely that we do not live for ourselves, but inspired by the unselfish spirit are reaching out for the larger fellowship of souls.

The brotherhood of the world can only come through the brotherhood of individual persons. And to encourage this close brotherhood is what our Lord Christ does for us in His Church, its life and its work.

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not neglect to avail themselves of the Church as a means of comfort and cheer. God is ever at hand in every place and His ear is open to our cry. But it is so easy for us not to hear His voice and to forget His love and saving power. Because he is in every place, we lose sight of Him in any place. In the Church as we worship Him and pray to Him our minds are drawn nearer to Him, and finding Him there we get a deeper sense of His nearness to us everywhere else.

**REPORT OF THE PARKSIDE
AUXILIARY No. 143, OF
A. R. C., FOR MONTH
ENDING APRIL
30, 1918.**

The workrooms in each department were open on the four Thursdays of the month, that of the surgical dressings in the evenings. There was an average attendance of 48 for the month. The following articles were completed and taken to Headquarters:

200 absorbent pads, 8"x12"
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108 gauze rolls, 5 yds. by 4½"
43 webbing straps, 2 yds. by 1½"
43 webbing straps, 1 yd. by 1½"
400 gauze wipes, 4"x4"
200 gauze compresses, 4"x8"

Sewing Department—

50 hospital garments

Knitted Goods—

1 helmet
5 scarfs
2 sweaters
8 wristlets
15 pairs socks
1 afghan

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET WATTSON,
Secretary.

**REPORT OF THE PARKSIDE
AUXILIARY No. 143, OF
A. R. C., FOR YEAR
ENDING, MAY,
1918.**

The Parkside Auxiliary has on roll at this date 199-dollar subscription members.

The workrooms where hospital garments and surgical dressings are made have been open 46 days and 16 evenings since the 28th of last June, when the classes were started. This means that only on one occasion, that of the annual supper in the respective churches where we have the privilege of meeting, has the work of the Red Cross been interrupted.

There was an average weekly attendance of 43 workers. Up to the present date they have completed the following:

Sewing Department—

436 garments for use in hospitals
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900 shot bags

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Fourth Sunday—Miss L. Minerva Cox, Mr. Randall M. Cox, father.

August
Second Sunday—Mrs. William Waterall, Mrs. Mary A. L. Lipman, mother.

Fourth Sunday—Mrs. David Ma-gee, Mrs. William Leming, mother.

SEPTEMBER
Mrs. William Waterall, Mr. Charles Albert Waterall, son.

Fourth Sunday—Mrs. J. F. Neill, Mr. and Mrs. William H. and Mary C. Money, parents.

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First Sunday—Mrs. Elizabeth Goodwin, Mr. William Goodwin, husband.

Second Sunday—Miss Agnes Hillman, Mr. Remer C. Hillman, brother.

Third Sunday—The Rector, Mrs. Mary Willets Harris, wife.

Fourth Sunday—Miss Clara E. Riley, Mr. Leonard J. Riley, father.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSIONS.

It has been thought best, even in such times as these, not to dis-appoint the children of the Sunday School by giving up the annual ex-cursions. The scholars have been very faithful and during the year have contributed liberally to several public causes, and for their encour-agement we ought to give them the

pleasure of the summer outing. The Primary Department will have its afternoon in Fairmount Park on Saturday, June 1, starting at one o'clock in a large coach and return-ing in the same way home again. Parents and friends will be wel-come. The children will enjoy light refreshments, and will play their games. The Main School will have a day in Fairmount Park on Satur-day, June 15. The School will start from the Belmont entrance at 9 o'clock for a free trolley ride through the Park, and then to the grounds selected. They will take their lunches, and will be served with ice cream without charge. Those who cannot go in the morn-ing will come, we hope, in the afternoon. The families and friends of the children and all Church peo-ple are invited. We will be glad of any donations from friends in the Church to help pay expenses.

SUMMER SERVICES.

As this is the concluding number of The Record for the summer, we will state that the Church services will continue to be held on Sunday mornings, the evening services be-ing discontinued. The Sunday School will close July 1st and will reopen on the third Sunday in Sep-tember. During July and August the Assistant Minister will have charge of the services and parish work. His residence is 4208 Girard Avenue, and his telephone number is Belmont 7431-W, where he may be applied to when needed for any parish ministry, which he will most gladly perform. We hope those of our people who remain at home will

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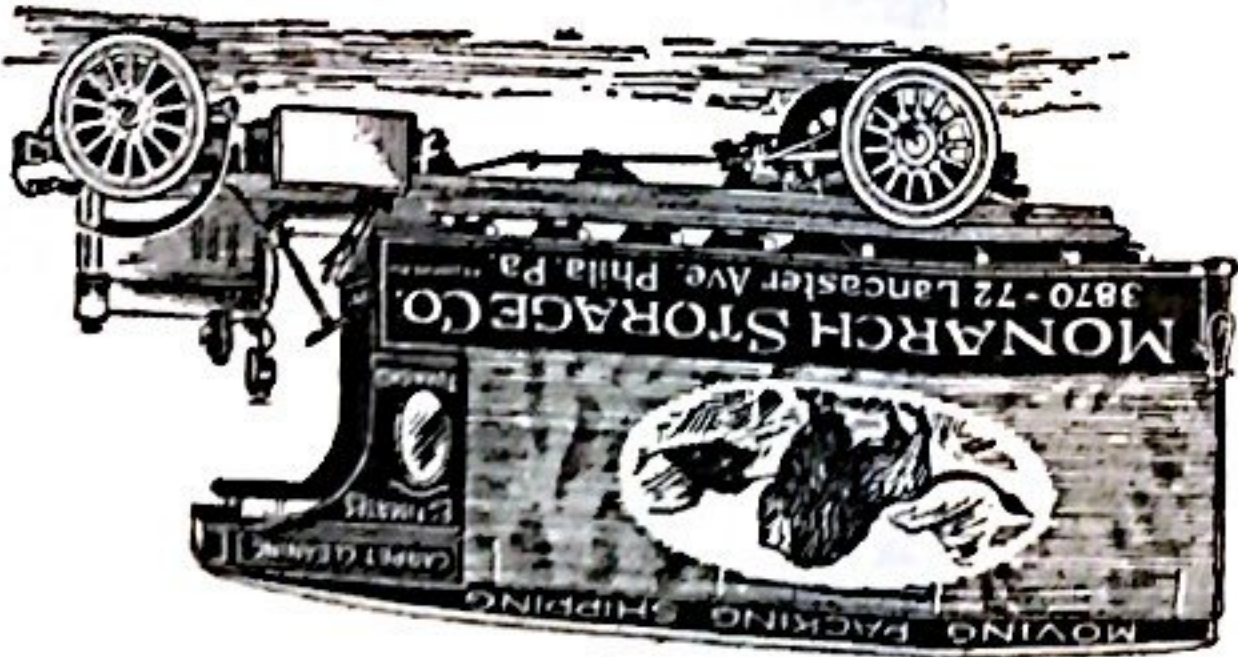
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Grand total 7956
A subscription to the Navy Aux-iliary entitled us to free wool, from which was knitted the following:
5 helmets
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6 sweaters
28 pairs socks
14 pairs wristlets

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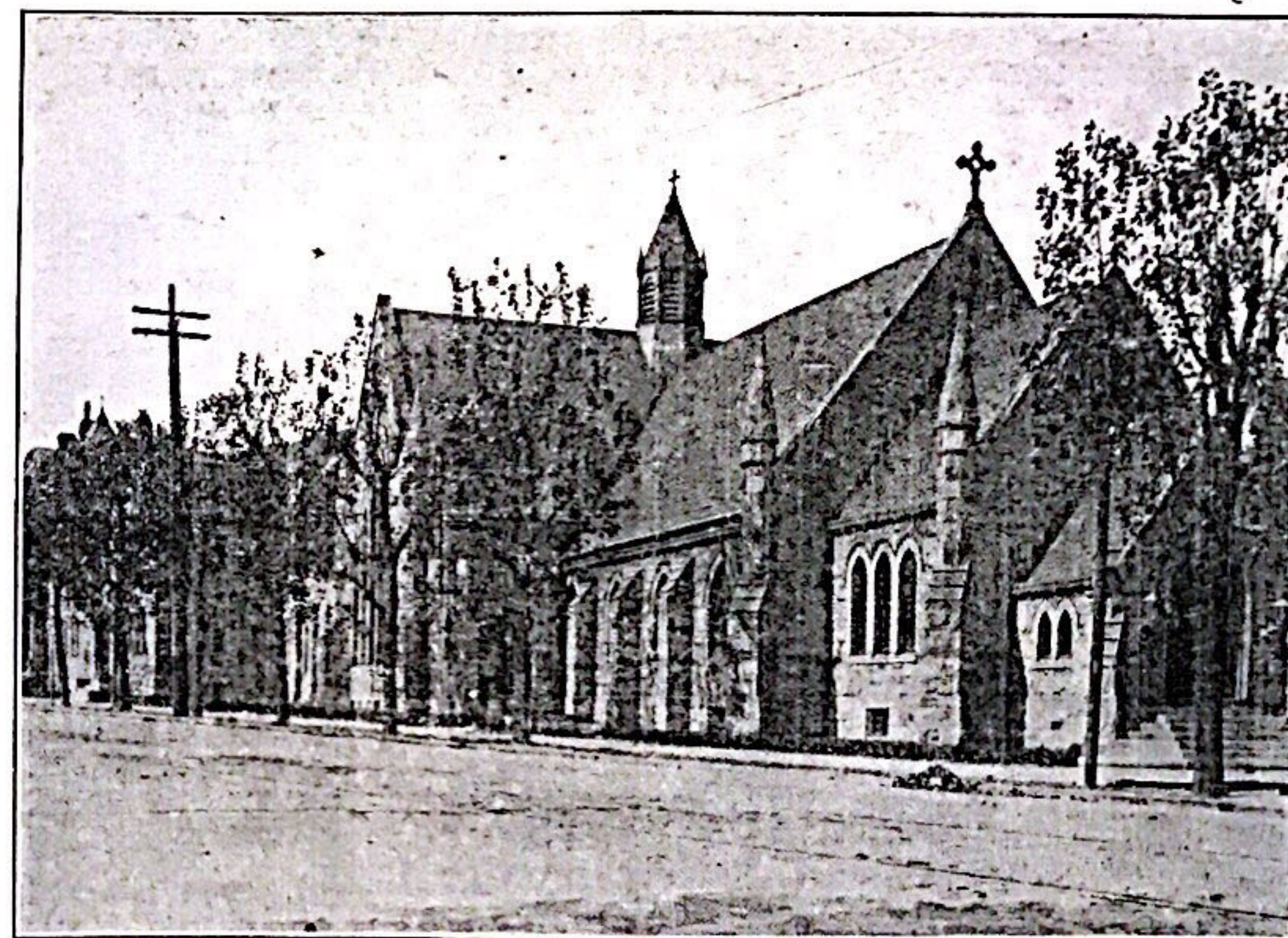
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2.30 P. M.

Altar Guild, first Wednesday,
8.00 P. M.

Woman's Auxiliary, second
Thursday, 2.30 P. M.

Men's Club, third Thursday,
8.00 P. M.

All meetings are held in the
Parish House.

ROLL OF HONOR

As most, if not all, of our boys who were in the service of their country have returned home, we will discontinue the roll in these pages. But this will not mean that we are dropping the boys out of our grateful remembrance. Their names still stand on the tablet in the vestibule of our Church, to be known and read by all who attend our services. But the best tribute to them is written on our hearts, in our abiding pride in their courage and steadfastness in the endurance of hardship and danger for the sake of God, country and humanity. As long as we live they will shine in our memory. And we shall pray for them God's blessing and a place in the eternal Book of Life.

FLOWER MEMORIAL FOR OUR SOLDIERS

On the third Sunday in September the Memorial Flowers in the Church were furnished by our Sunday School in memory of two of the former scholars who gave their lives as a sacrifice for their

country on the field of battle. They are Corporal William Salvador and Sergeant A. H. Gaumer, and they are the only ones of those who went out from us who have not lived to return. We are glad to honor them in this remembrance of them in our Church. The Sunday School will continue to honor and remember them in this way year after year.

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

First Sunday—The Woman's Guild: For deceased members.

Second Sunday—The Rector; Mrs. Florence W. Mosford, sister of Mrs. Mary W. Harris.

Third Sunday—Mrs. J. Almer Dittrich; Miss Caroline Allen Dittrich, daughter.

THANKSGIVING DAY

The usual Thanksgiving service will be held on the morning of Thanksgiving Day in Grace Church at 10.30 o'clock. The offering will be the annual offering for the Episcopal Hospital of our Diocese. It is fitting that we should express our gratitude to God for His blessings during the year by giving generously for the support of this splendid institution which gives so much help and comfort to the sick and those overtaken by injury through accident. The Episcopal Hospital does not receive State appropriations like the other hospitals in the city, though it does a large amount of charity service. It depends upon the gifts of church people and upon the offerings of

the churches of our Diocese. Let us remember it, and for the credit of our Church as well as out of an unselfish desire to do good to others as we have opportunity. Let us do our share in the Thanksgiving Offering to furnish the means needed to carry on this Christ-like work of ministering to the sick and suffering.

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On October 11 Mr. Joseph C. Martin passed away from this world at the age of 79 years. He had for some years been a very regular attendant at our Church services and a communicant of Grace Church. He has now gone home to his God, and we rejoice for him that he is free forever from the sorrows, trials and burdens of this present world.

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The Sunday School began its work on Sunday, October 5, with a fair attendance of scholars in both the Primary and Senior Departments. A class of girls was promoted from the Primary to the Senior School, and we have found an excellent teacher for them in Dr. M. Buck, who kindly consented to take charge of them. We welcome her heartily to our teaching staff and hope she will feel at home with us. Our school has been greatly affected by the removal of families from our neighborhood because of the influx of aliens to our religion and our ways of living. But we will do our best to care for the souls of the boys and girls who still come to us for Christian teaching.

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The Woman's Guild held its annual meeting in the Parish House on Friday, October 3, with a very good number present. Mrs. Holgate was elected President; Mrs. Day, Vice President; Mrs. McFerren, Treasurer, and Mrs. Hooven, Secretary. The Treasurer reported a good balance on hand. The members agreed to arrange for the Annual Parish

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The Woman's Auxiliary held its monthly meeting on October 16 and received many interesting reports on missionary work in the foreign and domestic fields. The attendance was small, but the meeting was much enjoyed by those who came.

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The Men's Club met on Thursday, October 16, but for lack of quorum no business was trans-

acted. All matters were deferred to the November meeting, but it was informally decided to go on publishing "The Record" for another year, with somewhat reduced volume.

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On Saturday, October 18, the Rector united in marriage Mr. James W. Taylor and Miss Mary Alice Mitchell, at 4129 Westminister avenue, where they will have their home. Our best wishes for God's blessing on their married life.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

On Christmas Day there will be

an early Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Morning service will be held at 10.30 o'clock, followed by Holy Communion. The offering will be for the Christmas Fund for the relief of disabled clergy in our diocese. It seems that there are some clergy and their families who are not eligible under the strict regulations of the Church Pension Fund. They cannot be left to suffer and perish on that account. The Christmas Fund must still provide for them, and it can only do so as the churches furnish the funds by Christmas offerings. Mercy and pity should move our hearts to do our share to help these needy brethren who have served the church well in their day, and who deserve comfort and succor.

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First Sunday—Mrs. Olwine and Miss McConnell—Mr. James McConnell, father.

Christmas Day—Mrs. L. B. Barton—Mr. J. Howard Barton, husband.

Fourth Sunday—Miss Agnes Hillman—Mr. Benjamin Hillman, father.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

The white envelopes for the weekly systematic offerings for support of our church will be ready by January 1st, and can be obtained of Mr. Hooven and Mrs. Pitts. We hope that everyone will obtain them and make use of them. We wish the number of those making regular offerings on this plan would in-

crease. The high cost of living affects our church finances severely, and we look to those who love the church and enjoy its services to come to our help as generously as possible.

The blue envelopes for regular offerings monthly to missions will be mailed to former subscribers. But we wish that more of our people would feel moved by God's Spirit to join in the systematic missionary offerings. We cannot expect Christ's presence among us and His blessing on our church life if we take no part in spreading His Gospel of God's love throughout the earth. We cannot be satisfied simply to have and keep God's grace for ourselves. In that way we have it only in name and in vain. A church without sacrifice for the salvation for others is a dead church. Christ cannot live in it. For the welfare of our church may we do our full share in spreading His truth.

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Matilda Emery in her sorrow over the departure from this world on November 9th of her nephew, Mr. Harry W. Dryfoos. He had been deeply devoted to her

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The Primary Department of the Sunday School will give a Christmas Party at 2.30 on Friday, December 26th, the day following Christmas, in its room on the first floor of the Parish House, to which the friends of the children are invited. There will be much singing and some recitations by the children under direction of Miss Parke and Miss Neill, after which gifts will be presented.

The Senior Department will have its Christmas entertainment on Fri-

day evening, December 26th, at 8 o'clock. A cantata or play will be given by some of the scholars, under direction of Miss Hooven and Miss Powell. All friends and parents will be welcome. On account of sugar shortage we will be unable to present the scholars with boxes of candy. But we hope this will keep no one away.

On Sunday evening, January 4th, the whole Sunday School will hold its Festival Anniversary Service in the church at 7.45 o'clock, assisted in the Processional by the choir. The school will march into the church, and will sing Christmas hymns, and have a good hearty service. We hope everybody will feel welcome to come to this service and enjoy it with the children. It will please the scholars to have a good company present of friends and relatives.

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THE MEMORIAL TABLET

We are pleased to announce that the funds needed for the bronze tablet, commemorating the names of the boys from our Parish who served in the war, have been obtained. The Men's Club, the Woman's Guild, and the Woman's Auxiliary contributed generously, and the people of the church responded heartily and liberally. At the Men's Club meeting on January 15th a committee was appointed, consisting of Vice-President James H. Young, to place the order for the tablet. When completed it will be hung in the vestibule of the church, where all who enter can see it and read the names. We are happy to give such a lasting tribute to the men who did so well their part in defending the flag of our country.

THE SERVICE FLAG

On Sunday evening, January 18th, the service was held for dismantling the Service Flag, which has hung in our church during the war with its stars standing for

our own boys, and it was a notable and inspiring occasion. The church was well filled with people who manifested the greatest interest and joined heartily in the singing. After the address from the pulpit the Roll of Honor was read, and as the men came forward in response to their names two ladies pinned on their coats the stars which respectively represented them on the flag. Twenty-two men were present and came forward for their stars, and as they stood in line the Rector saluted them in the name of the Parish and wished God's blessing on them. We were all proud of them, for it was a fine sight, these strong, erect boys, who had endured so much in their country's service and had come safely through and been restored to those who love them. The families of the two who fell in battle, Corporal William Salvador and Sergeant Albert H. Gaumer, were represented by the father, Mr. John L. Gaumer, and a sister, Miss Salvador, who came forward and received the gold stars for the dead. And thus with honor and sacred feeling the Service Flag has been removed from its place where so many prayers were offered beneath its folds for the welfare and safety of those who were doing their bit so faithfully and nobly. Its place, however, will be taken by the bronze tablet to be placed on the church walls, as a permanent memorial of our affection and gratitude as a Parish for a perpetual remembrance of the names of the boys who did so much for us and for the nation. The national flag

will continue in its place in the church to remind us that what we owe as citizens to our country is included in what we owe to God. True patriotism is a necessary part of true religion, and God is honored when we honor our country and serve it to the best of our ability. It was a religious service which our boys did in the camp and on the battlefield, for it was a service of unselfishness for the sake of others. And when we unselfishly and sincerely in our daily lives observe and honor and practice the principles of good government we are serving God and helping on His eternal kingdom of righteousness, and justice, and salvation.

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Third Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. Clement F. Smith; Emily Gertrude, daughter.

LENT

Lent begins this year with Ash-Wednesday, February 18th, and once more summons us to deeper and more sincere thoughts of religion in order that it may become more real to us, more a part of our personal lives. To know God for ourselves, to take Him as a real Father and a personal Friend, to live with Him and to live on His love and grace, and to let Him be to us all that He wants to be. That is true religion, the religion which saves our souls from going under in this world of matter, and sense and things. These are hard times in which to

hold fast to the personal touch with God. Our bodies and our senses are so urgent in their demands that our souls are easily forgotten as less important. But Lent comes to help us put first things first, and by prayer and honest thought to keep our souls up to their real life of being true children of God, souls whose destiny it is to enter into intimate and loving fellowship and companionship with God as our Father and our best Friend. May we use earnestly this time of special religious service to renew the life of our souls by getting nearer to God that He may warm us into a more complete response to His love for us.

LENTEN SERVICES

On Ash-Wednesday, February 18th, there will be service in the church in the morning at 10.30 o'clock and in the evening at 8 o'clock. An offering for the mission work of the Woman's Auxiliary will be taken at the morning service. On every Wednesday evening in Lent there will be a service in the church at 8 o'clock, and on every Friday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock in the Parish House. Confirmation instruction will be given on Wednesday evenings at 7.15 o'clock in the Vestry Room, beginning Wednesday, March 3rd. All desiring Confirmation are required to attend the instructions, if possible. Special provision will be made for those who cannot come.

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sewing for charitable and missionary institutions on Friday afternoons, beginning February 20th, in the Parish House, at 2 o'clock. All women in the Parish are cordially invited to come to these Lenten sewing meetings.

The Sunday School will gather its usual Lenten offering for missions in the mite-boxes, which will be distributed among the children and young people. Will parents please keep the children in mind of the boxes?

NOTE

We have deep sympathy with Mrs. Hawkins and Miss Crosley in the passing away of their mother on January 8th after an illness of some months. Mrs. Crosley lived to a good old age, and had for many years been united in the family life of her

children. She was a loving and faithful mother, deeply attached to her children, as were they to her. They will sadly miss her kindly presence with them, and the home will be greatly changed for them by the loss of her visible companionship. But they can be thankful that they had her so long and because they love her they will rejoice that she is safe at home, out of all the sufferings of this present world, shielded forever from every trial and burden of the flesh in the spiritual life of eternity. They may be sure that though they cannot see her she is not far from them, for she is with God, and God is not far from every one of us. What she was to them when they could see her she still is, though they cannot see her face. May God comfort them by drawing them near to Himself in their sorrow.